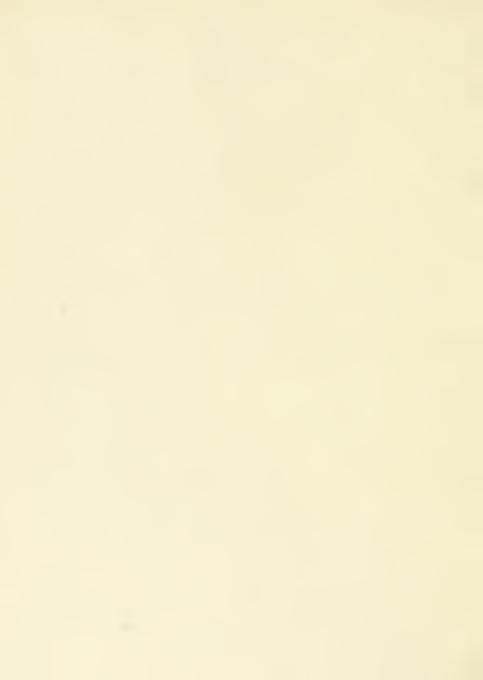
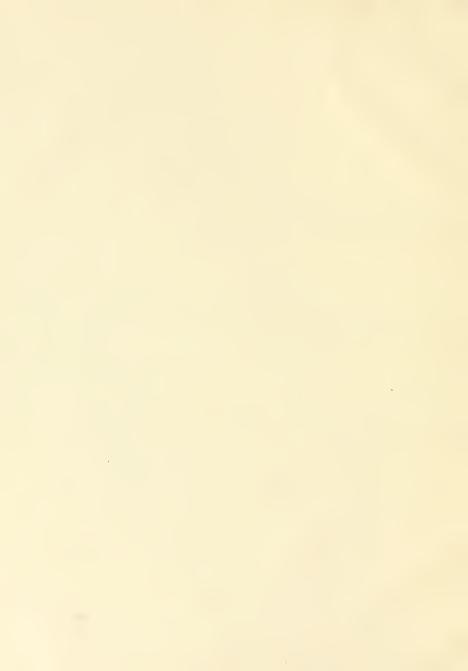


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THE PALICE OF HONOUR, the earliest of the original works of Gawin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld, was composed about the year 1501, the twenty-seventh of the Author's life, and twelve years before his translation of Virgil's Æneis, 'into Scottish Meter,' was completed.'

The present edition of this Poem is a fac-simile of that printed at Edinburgh by John Ros, for Henry Charteris, in 1579—the rarity of which is so great, that I believe it would be difficult to find any other copies than those preserved in the Libraries of the University of Edinburgh, and of the Faculty of Advocates; the former of which was presented to his *Alma Mater*, by William Drummond of Hawthornden, in 1626.

Of the earlier edition, printed at London by William Copland, about the year 1553, a fac-simile of the title is given on the next leaf, and is followed by a specification of the various readings. At the Roxburghe sale, a copy

^{1 &}quot; Completit was this werk Virgilliane

^{.&}quot; Apoun the feist of Marye Magdalane:

[&]quot; Fra Christis birth the date wha list to here,

[&]quot;ANE THOUSAND FYVE HUNDRETH AND THRETTENE ZERE."

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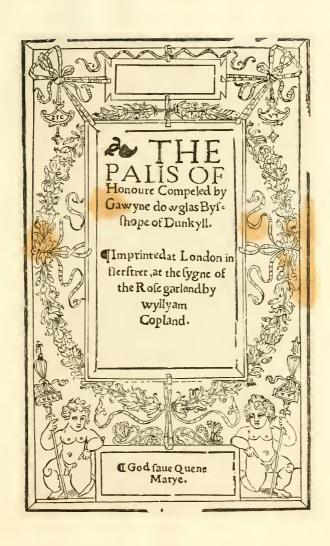
These, which are both in quarto, are the only editions which have yet been discovered of this Poem, although there appear to have been other and earlier impressions; for the publisher of the Edinburgh edition, in 1579, states, that "the divers impressiones befoir imprentid "of this notabill werk have bene altogidder faultie and "corupt, not onlie that quhilk has bene imprentid at "London, but also the copyis set furth of auld amangis "our selfis."

The Palice of Honour will be found reprinted in Pinkerton's Scotish Poems; and in the "Select Works of Gawin Douglas," printed at Perth in 1787; to the latter of which a Life of the Author is annexed by the Rev. James Scott. An Account of the Life and Writings of Bishop Douglas, has been also given by Bishop Sage, by Dr George Mackenzie, and Dr David Irving.

I am happy to have this opportunity of returning my thanks to James Chalmers, Esq., for the loan of a very fine copy of Copland's edition of the Palice of Honour, from the library of his late uncle, George Chalmers, Esq.









COLLATION

OF THE EARLIER EDITIONS OF

THE PALICE OF HONOUR.

The London edition of The Palis of Honour is printed uniformly with the Translation of Virgil's Æneis, by Bishop Douglas, which has the following title, within the same ornamental border, of which a fac-simile is given on the foregoing leaf.

"The xiii. Bukes of Eneados o the famose Poete Virgill, Translatet out of Latyne verses into Scottish metir, bi the Reuerend Father in God, Mayster Gawin Douglas Bishop of Dunkel, & vnkil to the Erle of Angus. Euery buke hauing hys perticular Prologe. Imprinted at Londo 1553." 4to.

In collating the two early editions of the Palace of Honour, the following is an enumeration of the principal variations; the words of the present text being first quoted, followed by the corresponding words of the London edition.

The Prologue. Stanza I, line 3. the—be. II. 6. fluor maist fragrant—flewour maist fragrant. III. 3. Abone—Aboue. 7. Echo.—eccon. V. 3. reserue—preserue. VII. 3. Sol—Soyl; stone—stunt. XI. 9. pulsis—puncys-XII. 2. desie—dasyt; vary—veray. XIII. 3. heiring—hetis. XIV. 4. sweuen—slewen. 9. Visioun—auision. Finis Prologi—Finis.

Page 1, line 3. bad nystie—bad nystee. 4. thy—thyn. 6. rymis—ranys. 8. thir—their. 18. swappis—skauppis.

Page 2, line 10. dark as Rock-dyrk as royk.

Page 3, line 5. lowis-louys. 10. surelie zis-suythly zys. 11. ze-za-14. Uer-veyr. 17. my-myn. 21. affrayit-afferyt.

Page 4, line 1. faitis-feitis; forwayit-foruayt. 8. all-four.

Page 5, line 3. subtell menis—suttell menys. 5. zee—za. 10. Circes—Circis. 19. Pithagoras—Picthagoras. 21. Sidrach—Sidrag. 29. veyage—viage.

Page 6, line 11. into—in tyll. 21. ouirthort—ouerwhort. 26. haue bene—bene. 29. to—tyll.

Page 7, line 10. Imagining feill syse—Imagynand feil lyse. 23. or—and of. 29. befoir—tofore.

Page 8, line 21. Effyom—Effygyn. 25. skatterit—skattryt. 26. batterit—battryt. 28. swatterit—swattryt. 29. tatterit—tattryt.

Page 9, line 6. litargie—letergy. 9. North eist—norhest. 11. sounding—soundis. 22. Inwith—Inoth. 29. Inwith—Inoth.

Page 10, line 6. befoir-tofore; or-and. 10. Ane-A.

Page 11, line 5. dynnit—dynmit. 7. lichtlic—lychily. 11. grene—greni. 13. Lymnaris—lymnuris. 14. Ihote—I hote. 27. claith—plate. 28. thir—thair.

Page 12, line 7. ordours-ordour.

Page 13, line 1. or—nor. 6. wonder—wondryt; fast in—in. 20. zit—yf. 29. Seque, Altera—Sesque altra.

Page 14, line 2. soung—songin. 5. countering—conturyng. 15. Saul—Kyng Saul. 23. greik—gekgo.

Page 15, line 2. Joint—Juynt. 9. ouirbrouderit—or bronnucrt. 15. veluot—veluos. 24. luifsum—lusum.

Page 16, line 22. France-Fare. 27. Deianira-Dyonera.

Page 17, line 1. Tristram—Trastram. 6. miak—make. 8. bound with hart—boynd with fyrm hart.

Page 18, line 1. Involupit in syte—nu oluit in dispyte. 5. fact—fait, 7. Ingraue—In graue. 9. dois—doith. 26. sang—sayng. 30. committand—committand.

Page 19, line 1. & greit—in greif. 6. girnand—grinand. 23. accusen—accusyng.

Page 20, line 20. pleis it-plesyt. 26. and aucht-aucht.

Page 21, line 18. disturbis-distrublys. 23. behest-beheft.

Page 22, line 7. die—be. 12. mischaip—myssape. 22. how—quhome. 26. Nabuchodonosor—Nabugodonosore.

Page 23, line 9. All haillelie—Alhalely. 13. To—Lo. 16. that quhilk—quhilk that. 20. Intercessioun—Intercion. 27. luik—lusty.

Page 24, line 2. Scripture—Scipture. 18. This line is omitted in the Edinburgh edition, 1579.

Page 25, line 1. thay Ladyis—thair layis. 2. na—na way. 9. greit—gastly. 10. that—the; new—now. 11. thair—the. 15. knawledge—knawlagis. 17 Court—rout; or meit—our mate. 20. Poet—polit; singand—sang. 25. folk—folkis. 27. of—all of.

Page 26, line 7. Mother of the Musis—the morthyr of musis—11. Eucrilk oulk day,—Euterpe eik quhilk. 14. Chronikill dois Imprent—cronikillis doith impren. 20. sing, daunce,—sing, play, daunce. 24. sister with croun—and sister schene. 29. Hir—The.

Page 27, line 1. Nobill—nobillis. 8. fair—Phanec. 14. befoir—afore. 16. befoir—tofore. 17. spreit—brest. 22. Greik—grew. 26. Dictes—Ditis. 27. and Persius—Persius.

Page 28, line 1. Cato—Caton. 2. Gaulteir—Galterus. 7. the Vale—Vale. 10. Horace—Orace. 11. Clerk—clerkis. 12. Bocchas—Bocace. 14. ar—is. 15. saw I thair—thare I saw. 16. Geffray—Goffryd. 22. culd—couth. 30. my—the.

Page 29, line 1. thir samin—sammyn thir. 6. not—as. 9. quhat was caus of hir thair—wes the cause thair of hir. 10. zone bysning schew—that bysning schrew. 13. had—hes. 15. laitlie—laithly; and subtell—subtelle. 16. and—on. 17. velanie—walloway. 18. our—my. 21. Rebald Rennigait—rebell renygate. 26. To sic as he to mak conter pleid—Alí out than wes his schander or sich plede. 27. honour chekmait—renowu chak mate. 28. sa wide zour fame—zour fame so wyd.

Page 30, line 4. efter—oft. 5. friwoll—frewel. 6. his—this. 9. befoir—afore. 13. befoir—afore. 14. strait—starte. 16. not be—be not. 22. Ane vennome is rather and—No woman is, rather. 28. haue—serue.

Page 31, line 3. say—sa. 12. releuit—releschit. 18. freindschip—freudschip. 20. quhilk—quhilkis. 23. alswyith—als swyth. 25. deliuerit—preseruit. 26. Releuit—Releschit.

Page 32, line 2. but dispair—lait and air. 4. In lestand blis, to remaue and repair—Quhair thou in ioy and plesour may repair. 6. pietie disseuerit—peace, dissouerit. 9. or—and. 11. of—with. 12. delicait—dilligat. 14. thow—now. 17. perfite—purifyit. 20. guerdoun—gard. 23. This line is omitted in the Edinburgh edition, 1579. 27. companion—campion.

Page 33, line 2. ane Instant—Instant 13. reuerence—reuence. 19. wend—passe.

Page 34, line 8. heicht—heich. 9. into Egypt—in till Egypt; into Italie.
—in Italie. 11. hie Montanes—Montanes; of Germanie—of all Germanie.
21. Tinolus—Tmolus.

Page 35, line 27. well-strand.

Page 36, line 6. not-never. 13. stanerie-sterny.

Page 37, line 5. Royall—rial. 10. Ladyis—musis. 11. deissis—deace-14. Royall—ryall. 25. fatis—fetis. 29. schew—tald. Page 39, line 18. sawin—sammyn. 20. Damascene—Damastene. 29. this—that.

Page 40, line 27. remembrance-rememorance.

Page 41, line 20. The ascence-Ascens.

Page 42, line 3. I—we. 7. how—hol. 8. bulling—bulnyng. 28. drownit—drynt; Loch—loth.

Page 43, line 15. place—palyce. 24. bairdin—boldyn. 26. schipis—schip. 28. swa—the. 29. did—to.

Page 44, line 5. Fir tre—firre. 6. a Takill—Takill. 8. drownit, part—drownit and part. 12. drownit—drint. 16. seis—seyst.

Page 45, line 6. thow sall—salt thou. 12. far—sa far. 14. on—in. 18. alkiu—euery. 20. alkin—alkynde. 27. sair—fare.

Page 46, line 3. Royall—riall. 5. Thanis—fanys. 11. Jalme—Jalmys. 14. Befoir—Tofore. 17. The—That. 22. vaikis—wakis.

Page 47, line 1. beildit—beild; Royall—riall. 9. now thow seis—thow seyst. 13. ane Throne—a trone. 18. Stude emerant stages twelf, grene precions greis—Twelf amarant stagis stude, twelf grene precious greis. 20. Wp standand—Sustenttand; beforne—aforne. 27. vtter—vthir. 29. woundit—wound.

Page 48, line 2. royall—riall. 3. and precious—precious. 8. speckta-kill—quent spectakill. 10. mony—ful mony. 14. creatiounis—creation. 22. Ten—Twelf; thair—tair. 24. drownit—drynt.

Page 49, line 1. Of—In. 11. Anoyntit—Anoynt. 16. michtie—douchty. 19. a stound—astond. 21. Banayas—Bananyas.

Page 50, line 1. helis—hely. 11. Esras—Esdras. 24. wombe—wame. 28. this—the.

Page 51, line 1. tyranlie he Jowrie all—tyrand lyk all Jowrye he. 2. ane Knichtlie—Knichtlie. 4. brocht—broh. 11. Destroyit was—Wes distroyit. 19. hidder—thidder. 24. Pirithous—Pyrotheus; sponsage—spousage.

Page 52, line 3. Royall—rial. 6. thair—that. 7. Ypsiphile—Ysiphile. 8. at—to. 17. Nauie—nauyn. 28. Quhill—Quhilk.

Page 53, line 15. Micht—mych. 25. greit—huge. 27. landis—land. 28. Turnus—Tarnus.

Page 54, line 11. Betwene—Atwene. 14. Betwene thir—Atwene thair. 20. Marcus Curtius—Quincyus. 21. the fyrie—fyrie.

Page 55, line 2. sine to—to; the—all the. 7. betwene—atwive. 20. Newand—Mewaud. The very curious Stanza beginning, I saw Raf Coilzear, is omitted in the London Edition by Copland.

Page 56, line 7. Benytas—bonitas. 11. Nutemng—Nutmog. 13. Benytas—Bonytas. 26. Scho—I.

Page 57, line 3. all—ay. 6. suddanelie—suddadly. 15. scho—tho. 17. quod—sayd.

Page 58, line 6. to—in to. 10. birnand—brynnand. 11. That Garitour tho—the garatour; vnto—tho to. 12. that—the. 16. minde is—mindis. 22. dois serue—disseruys. 23. the—is the.

Page 59, line 7. to greif—grief. 11. fals—a fals. 14. listin commit—lyst committing.

Page 60, line 6. was—of. 15. twane—wane. 17. Ingraue—ingarf. 21. Driada—Dorida. 27. Epistillis—episciclis. 28. portrait—proturyt. 29. motiounis—montionis.

Page 61, line I. Eclipsis—Eclipse. 2. I, and mony—I mony. 3. all lustie—Il luasty. 9. and—anu. 26. Swa—Fra. 28. surelie as me—soithla as my.

Page 62, line 3. pachit—paithit. 6. I—a. 10. Importurait—Iuporturat. 11. hie—sle. 21. not—ne.

Page 63, line 3. Royall—Rial. 7. atanis atonys. 8. smote—smate. 9. blancht—blaucht. 14. Upheld—Held vp. 17. that—my. 22. was—is. 24. sa—a sa. 25. Unto—On to.

Page 64, line 1. worthin—wordyn. 2. Lang eir me thocht yu—Langere (me thocht) how. 9. mad—malt. 10. na mair (quod scho)—(quod scho) na mare. 12. surelie—suythly. 16. Posterne—postrum. 17. passage—passagis. 18. that—the. 22. Uerteouslie—Victoriusly. 24. fundin—fuddyn; mane—name. 28. King—ryng. 29. gouerning—honoring.

Page 65, line 1. Quhilk is—Quhilkis. 8. warldis—warldly. 20. Fra thay be gane, let—Frathay began, late. 28. can—ma.

Page 66, line 2. puissand—pyssand. 7. lestand honour—honour lestand. 22. Hippolita—Ypolytha. 23. Penthessilea, Medea, Zenobia—Pantyssale, Medus, Cenobia.

Page 68, line 6. flouris—colouris. 8. and—for. 13. Inueronit—Inuenoryt. 18. vs—we. 22. passage—passagis.

Page 69, line 9. swemit-swounyt. 13. Earth-garth. 27. of-hf.

Page 70, line 2. kind—kend. 3. quhome—quhan. 5. meikill—myche; deuise—deuise, &c. 26. The Author, &c.—The Auctor direkit his buke to the rycht nobill Prynce, James the ferd Kyng of Scottis.

Page 71, line 21. the—tha. 24. the—tha. 26. the—tha. 27. the—tha, &c. After Finis (on Sign K 4.) is this Colophon

Tkmprinted at London in Fletestrete at the sygne of the Rose garland, by Wyllyam Coplande. The London edition by Copland, contains various marginal notes, which are not found in the Edinburgh edition of this poem. In order the more readily to ascertain the particular verses to which the notes refer, the page and the first words of the Stanza are here given, in Italic letters.

Page 2. And not but caus. A discription of the inconstance of fortune. 3. Of Ladyis fair. The quen of Sapvence with hir court. 4. And as the rout. Craftye synone and false Architefel. 5. Quhilks groundit ar. Wyse and lerned men. 6. Richt sa. Architefel confessis bys owne craftenes, decevt, and abused wit. 6. First into Troy. Sinons craftines. 7. Thus wretchitlie, line 8. Feare. 10. Sa dulce. A sorowful harte can not be mery. 10. And murnand thus, line 4. Heuinlye barmonye. 11. Proceidand furth. Godly apparell. 12. Amid the chair. Venus hyr court. 13. I wonder sair, line 5. Blynd Cupyd. 13. Accompanyit. Musyke. 15. Thair riche, line 9. Mars. 16. Thair was. Louers. 17. Constranit hart. A ballet of inconstant loue. 19. Enthronit sat. The Auctor accused. 20. He demandit. Answer. 20. Inclynand law. Appellationem. 21. I zow beseik, line 7. A thretnyng. 23. To thus. Consolation. 24. With lawreir. Poetis. 26. And nixt her sine. The nyne muses. 27. The suddane, line 8. Homer. 27. Thair was the greit. Virgil & other latin poetis. 28. Sa greit ane preis. Chauser & other Englyshe and Scottishe Poetis. 29. Sister (said scho.) Venus complaint. 30. I will (said scho.) Mercy becumys all men & specily gentyl-wemen. 31. Unwemmit wit. A ballat for Venus plesour. 34. Throw countreis scir. The auctours vyage. 37. Swa finallie. The gates. 37. With Lawrere. Valiant knightis. 39. Uprais. Poetis. 41. Ze musis. Innocation. 42. To me thou art. Evyl people punyshet. 44. Tho at. Faythles peopill. 45. Still in the sessoun. The discription of the palace-47. Amid ane Throne, line 9. Venus mirrour. 48. Abraham. A lang catathaloge of nobyl men and wemen both of scriptur & gentyll stories. 49. Of Salomon. Salomon. 51. The faithful. Faythfull & constent women. 54. Rome saw I, line 8. Chast Lucretia. 54. The Punik, line 6. The constancye of Marcus Regulus. 56. The Nigromansie. Nigramausve. 57. Tuitchand this buik. By thys boke he menis Virgil,-line 6. The Auctorys conclution of Venus morour. 57. Scho me convoyit. The Palice of honour is patent for honest vertuus men, an not for vicius fals & craftye pepyll. 58. Fast climmand vp, line 8. Falsehed the moder of al vice. 58. That Garitour, line 8. Patience. 58. The michtie Prince. The discription of the Prince of hie honore, with his Palys & Court Charity Constance Liberalite Innocens Deuotyon,

59. His Comptrollar. Discretion Humanite Trew relation peace temperance Humilitie discypline mercye. 59. His Chancelair. Conscience iustyce prudence diligens clene lyuyng. 59. Gude hope remanis. Hope Piety Fortitud Veryte. 60. Thair was the cirth, line 5. Astronami. 65. Behald (said scho.) Al warldly glorye is bot a dreame. 65. For vertem is a thing. A comendation of vertue quhilk is the way to honour and not riches or hie blud. 66. The strangest Sampsoun. Exemplis of vertuus men & women. 67. Quhilks be nilfull. Vicious people punyshed Inuye Pryde Ignorance Disseyt. 67. And Nobillis cummin. Dissate & craftynes ar haldyn wisdome now a dayes verite & iustice is callyt simplycitye & folyshnes. 69. Quhat throw the birdis. The Author returnes frome his dreame to him self agane. 69. O hie Honour. A ballad in the commendation of honour & verteu.

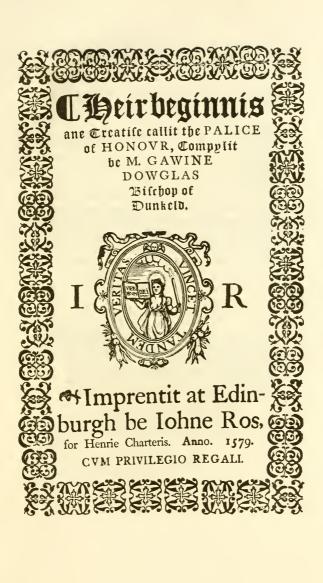
The following typographical errors which occur in the Edinburgh edition, 1579, have been corrected in this reprint. Prologue page 3, line 22. rhe—corrected to the. Page 2, l. 22. chis—this. 3, l. 11. wisl—wis. 7, l. 28. for thy—forthy—10, l. 21. mnrnand—murnand. 16, l. 20. Wofnll—Wofull. 25. Thaie—Thair. l. 20. Trastram—Tristram. 18, l. 26. lang—sang. 19, l. 3. bow—bowre—20, l. 22. Noe—Not.—21, l. 8. Jngdement—Jugement. 24, l. 27. Aconius—Acontius. Cydiype—Cydippe—28, l. 7. vale—Vale. 35, l. 14. Ethua—Ethna.—39, l. 15. anoyit—anoynt.—40, l. 15. snld—suld. 43, l. 4. cousane—consaue.—44, l. 18. stace—state.—51. l. 3. The—that. l. 24. Pirichons—Pirithons.—63, l. 11. Womenting—Womenting.—64, l. 3. grenit—greuit.

A few trivial errors, discovered since the sheets of this reprint went to press, may be here pointed out. Page 7, l. 3. haur err—for haue. 10, l. 5. breame—dreame. 11, l. 19. os—of. 15. l. 6. piteous—pictcous. 27, l. 17. aud—and.









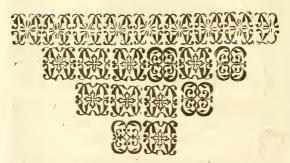




VHEN vve had fene

and considerit the diuers Impressiones befoir Imprentit of this Notabill werk, to haue bene altogidder faultie and corrupt: not onlie that quhilk hes

bene Imprentit at London, bot also the Copyis set furth of auld amangis our selfis: We have thocht gude to tak sum panes and trawellis to have the samin mair commodiously and correctly set furth: to the Intent, that the benevolent Reidar may have the mair delyte and plesure in reiding, and the mair frute in perusing, this plesand and delectabill werk.





THE PROLOGVE.

QVHEN paill Aurora, with face lamentabill
Hir Russat Mantill borderit all with Sabill,
Lappit about the heuinly Circumstance
The tender bed and Arres honorabill
Of Flora Quene till floures amiabill.
In May I rais to do my observance,
And enterit in a Gardyne of plesance
With Sol depaint, as Paradice amiabill
And blisfull bewis, with blomed varyance.

[Sa craftely Dame Flora had ouirfret Hir heuinly bed, powderit with mony a set Of Ruby, Topas, Perle, and Emerant. With Balmy dew, bathit and kyndlie wet, Quhill vapours hote richt fresche and weill ybet: Dulce of odour, of fluour maist fragrant The siluer droppis on Daseis distillant. Quhilk verdour branches ouir the alars zet With smoky sence the mystis reflectant.

¶ The fragrant flouris blomand in thair seis Ouirspred the leuis of natures Tapestreis. Abone the quhilk with heuinly Harmoneis The birdis sat on twystis and on greis Melodiously makand thair kyndlie gleis Quhais schill noitis fordinned all the skyis. Of repercust air the Echo cryis, Amang the branches of the blomed treis. And on the Laurers siluer droppis lyis.

A. ij.

The Prologue.

[Quhill that I rowmed in that Paradice Replenischit, and full of all delice Out of the sey, Eous alift his heid. I mene the hors quhilk drawis at deuice The assiltrie and goldin Chair of price Of Tytan, quhilk at morrow semis reid. The new collour that all the nicht lay deid Is restorit, baith foulis, flouris, and Rice Recomfort was, throw Phebus gudlyheid.

¶ The Dasy and the Maryguld vnlappit Quhilkis all the nicht lay with thair leuis happit Thame to reserue fra rewmes pungitiue The vmbrate treis that Tytan about wappit War portrait, and on the eirth yschappit. Be goldin bemis viuificatiue. Quhais amene heit is maist restoratiue. The Greshoppers amangis the vergers gnappit, And Beis wrocht materiall for thair Hyue.

■ [Richt hailsome was the sessoun of the zeir Phebus, furth zet depured bemis cleir Maist nutritiue till all thingis vegetant. God Eolus of wind list nocht appeir: Nor auld Saturne with his mortall speir. And bad aspect contrair till euerie plant. Neptunus nold within that Palice hant. The beriall stremis rynning men micht heir By bonkis grene with glancis variant.

¶ For till behald that heuinly place compleit The purgit Air with new engendrit heit:

The Prologue.

The Sol enbroude with colour, vre, and stone: The tender grene, the balmy droppis sweit: Sa reioycit and comfort was my Spreit I not was it a vision or fantone.

Amyd the buskis rowming myne alone Within that garth of all plesance repleit A voice I hard preclair as Phebus schone.

■ [Singand ô May thow Mirrour of soles Maternall Moneth Lady and Maistres Till euerie thing adoun respirature. Thyne heuinlie work and worthie craftines The small herbis constranis till incres O verray ground till working of nature. Quhais hie curage and assucurit cure Causis the eirth his frutes till expres Diffundant grace on euerie creature.

¶Thy godly lore, cunning Incomparabill Dantis the sauage beistis maist vnstabill And expellis all that nature infestis. The knoppit syonis with leuis aggreabill For till reuert and burgione ar maid abill Thy mirth refreschis byrdis in thair nestis. Quhilks the to prise and nature neuer restis. Confessand zow maist potent and louabill Amang the brownis of the Oliue twystis.

¶In the is rute and augment of curage, In the enforces Martis vassalage. In the is amorous lufe and Harmonie With Incrementis fresche in lustie age A. iii.

The Prologue.

Quha that constranit ar in luifis rage Addressand thame with observance airlie Weill auchtis the till gloir and Magnifie. And with that word I raisit my visage Soir affrayit half in ane frenesie.

● Nature Quene and ô ze lustie May (Quod I) tho, how lang sall I thus foruay? Quhilk zow and Venus in this garth deseruis. Recounsell me out of this greit affray: That I may sing zow laudis day be day. Ze that all mundane creatures preseruis. Comfort zour man that in this fanton steruis. With spreit arraisit and euerie wit away. Quaiking for feir baith pulsis, vane, and neruis.

¶My fatall weird, my febill wit I wary
My desie heid quhome laik of brane gart vary
And not sustene so amiabill a soun
With ery curage febill strenthis sary
Bownand me hame and list na langer tary
Out of the air come ane impressioun.
Throw quhais licht in extasie or swoun,
Amyd the virgultis all in till a fary
As feminine so febilt fell I doun.

¶And with that gleme sa desyit was my micht Quhill thair remanit nouther voice nor sicht. Breith, motion, nor heiring naturall Saw neuer man so faynt a leuand wicht. And na ferly for ouir excelland licht. Corruptis the wit and garris the blude awaill.

Vntill

The Prologue.

Vntill the hart that it na danger aill. Quhen it is smorit, memberis wirkis not richt The dreidfull terrour, swa did me assaill.

■ Zit at the last, I not how lang a space A lytle heit appeirit in my face.

Quhilk had tofoir bene paill and voyde of blude Tho in my sweuen I met a ferly cace.

I thocht me set within a desert place Amyd a Forest by a hyddeous flude

With grysly fische, and schortly till conclude I sall discryue (as God will giue me grace)

Myne Visioun in rurall termis rude.

Finis Prologi.







HONOVR, Compylit be M. GAWINE DOWGLAS
Bifchop of Dunkeld.

¶THE FIRST PART.

THOW barrant wit onirfet with fantalyis Schaw now the craft \dot{p} in thy memor lyis Schaw now thy schame, schaw now thy badnystic Schaw thy endite requise of Rethoryis, Schaw now thy beggit termis mair that they is Schaw now thy ryunis, and thine harlotrie, Schaw now thy dull exhaust Jnanitie. Schaw furth thy cure and write thir scenelyis Duhilks of thy sempill cunning nakit the.

IMy ravist spreit in that desert terribill approchit neir that valie stude horribill Like till Cochyte the river Insernall, With vile water quhilk maid a hiddious trubil Kinnand ouir heid, blude reid and Impossibill That it had bene a river naturall, With brayis bair, rais Rochis like to fall. Duhairon na gers nor herbis wer visibill Bot swapis brint with blassis boriall.

This laithlie flude rumland as thoder routit In quhoe the filch zelland as cluis schoutit Thair zelpis wilde my heiring all fordeisit B. j.

Thay grym mössures my spreits abhorrit & doutit Mot throw the soyl, bot muskane treis sproutit Combust, barrant, vnrlomit, and vnleisit, Auld rottin runtis quhairen na sap was leisit Worh all waist, widderit with granis moutit A ganand den quhair murtherars men reisit.

Duhairfoir my scluin was richt sair agas, This wildernes abhominabill and wais (In quhome nathing was nature comfortand) Was dark as Rock the quhilk the sey vprass. The quhissilling wind blew mony bitter blass. Runtis rattillit and vneith micht I stand. Dut throw the wod I cray on sute and hand The Rincr stank, the treis electerit sas. The soyl was nocht bot Harres slike and sand.

[And not but caus my fyzeitis wer abailit All folitair in that defert arrailit.
Allace I faid is nane other remeid.
Arnell Foztoun quhy hes thow me betrailit?
Anhy hes thow thus my fatall end compassit?
Allace, allace fall I thus fone be deid
In this defert, and wait nane other reid.
Bot be denoirit with fum beist Rauenous.
I weip, I waill, I plene, I cry, I pleid
Inconstant warld and quheill contravious.

Thy transitoric plesance quhat auaillis?
Now thair, now heir, now hie and now denaillis
Now to, now fra, now law, now Hagnityis,
Now hait, now cald, now lauchis, now benaillis
Now

Mow feik, now haill, now werie, now not aillis, Mow gude, now cuill, now writis, and now dypis Mow thow promittis, and richt now thow denyis Mow wo, now weill, now firme, now frinclous, Mow gam, now gram, now lowis, now defyis, Inconflant warld and quheill contrarious.

Tha quha fuld have affyance in thy blis? Ha quha fuld have firme electance in this? Duhilk is allace fa freuch and variant. Tertes nane, fum hes, no wicht? furclie zis. Than hes my felf bene gyltie? ze: I wis Thairfoir allace fall danger thus me dant? Duhidder is becum fa fone this duillie hant? And Her translait in winter furious? Thus I benaill my faitis repugnant. Inconfiant warld and quheill contrarious.

Dydand the deid thus in my extasse and dyn I hard approching fast me by. Duhilk monit stra the plague Septentrionall. As heird of beisis stamping with loud cry. Bot than God wait how astrayit was I Traissand to be stranglit with bestiall. Annid a stock richt princie I stall. Duhair luikand out anone I did espy and lusse rout of beisis rationall.

(Df Ladyis fair and gudlic men arrayit In constant weid that weill my specifis papit With degest mind, quhairin all wit aboundit. Full soberlie thair haiknayis thay assayit B. ii.

Efter the faitis auld and not forwayit. Thair hie prudece schew furth a nathing roudit Alith gude effeir quhairat the wod resoundit? In seidsast ordour to vesse vnastrayit. Thay ryding surth with stabilnes ygroundit.

Amiddis quhome bozne in ane goldin Chair Duirfret with perle and stanis maist preclair That drawin was by Haiknayis all milk quhite Was set a Duene, as lyllic sweit of swair In Purpour Rob hemmit with gold Ilk gair. Duhilk Genmit claspis closit all persite. A Diademe maist plesandlic polite Set on the tresses of hir giltin hair And in hir hand a Scepter of delite.

Sine nirt hir raid in granit violate Twelf damifellis Ilk and in thair effait: Duhilks femit of hir counfell mails ferre. And nirt thame was a luftic rout God wait Lords, Ladyis, and mony fair Peclait: Baith bozne of hie effait and law degre. Furth with thair Duene, thay all by passit me and essenting that a pais and I abaid alone within the tre.

And as the rout was passet one and one, and I remanand in the tre alone, Dut throw the wod come rydand Catines twane and on and asset, a widdle about his mone. The other raid, and hiddeous hors upone. I passet surth and fast at thame did franc.

Duhat

Duhat men thay wer? thay answerit me agane. Dur Mamis bene Achitophel and Sinone. Chat by our subtell menis, feill hes flane.

Mait ze (quod I) quhat fignifeis zone rout? Synon faid zee: and gave ane hiddeous sehout We wretchis bene abiect thair fra I wis. Zone is the Quene of Sapience but dout Lady Hierue, and zone twelf hir about, Ar the prudent Sibillais full of blis. Castandra eik Delbora and Circes The fatall sisters twynand our weirdis out Indith, Jacl, and mony a Prophetis.

Duhilks groundit ar in firme Intelligence, And thair is als into zone Court gone hence Clerkis divine, with problemmis curius. As Salomon the well of Sapience. And Aristotell fulfillit of prudence, Salust, Senek, and Titus Livius. Pithagoras, Porphyre, Permenydus, Gelystes with his fawis but defence. Sidrach, Secundus, and Solenyus.

Aptholomeus, Jyoeras, Socrates, Empedocles, Neptenabus, Dermes, Galien, Auerroes, and Plato, Enoch, Lameth, Job and Diogenes, The eloquent and prudent Alisses, Wise Josephus, and facund Cicero, Welchisedech with other mony mo.

Thair veyage lyis throw out this wildernes, B. iii.

To the Palice of Honour all thay go.

Is situat from hence liggis ten hunder. Dur hozsis oft, oz we be thair will founder. Abew we may na langer heir remane. Dz that ze pas (quod I) tell me this wonder. How that ze wzetchit Catiues thus at under. Ir sociat with this Court Souerane? Achitophell maid this answer agane. Knawis thow not? Haill, eirdquaik, and thüder? Ar oft in Pay, with mony sehour of rane.

(Richt sa we bene into this companie Dur wit aboundit and vsit was lewdie? By wisdome ay fulfillit my desire. As thow may in the Bybill weill espy: How Dauids prayer put my counsell by. I gart his Sone aganis him conspire. The quhilk was slane, quhairsoir vy be the swire By self I hangit frustrat sa soulclie. This Synon was a Greik that raise fire.

Ifirst into Troy, as Uirgill dois report: Sa tratour like maid him be draw onirthort Duhill in he brocht the hors with men of Armis Duhairthrow the town destroyit was at schort. (Duod I) is this zour destante and fort? Cursit be he that sorrowis for zour harmis, For ze have bene schrewis baith be goddis armis Te will obtene na entres at zone port. Bot gif it be throw Sorrers or Charmis.

Ingres to have (quod thay) we not presume,

It lusticis us to be the Palice blume and stad on rowne quhair better folk bene charfor to remane adem we have no tume (rit, This Ilk way comis the Courtis be our dume Of Diane and Uenus, that feill hes marrit. With that thay raid away as thay war skarrit and I agane maist like one Elriche grume Crap in the muskane Aikin slok misharrit.

Thus wretchitlie I maid my residence. Imagining feill syle for sum defence. In contrair sauage beistis maist cruell. For na remeid bot deid be violence Sum time asswagis febill Indigence. Thus in a part I recomfort my fell. Bot that sa little was I dar not tell. The stichling of a Hous out of presence had bene to me mair vysum than the Hell.

This glaid I was that I with the had spokin had not bene that certes my hart had brokin for megirnes and pusillamitie.
Remanand thus within the tre all lokkin Desirand fast sum signes or sum tokin, Df Lady Uenus or hir companie.
Ane hart transformit ran fast by the tree With houndis rent, on quhome Diane was wro-Thairby I understude that seho was nie. (kin

Thay had befoir declairit hir cuming. Hair perfitelie forthy J knew the signe Was Acteon, quhilk Diane nakit waitit B. iii.

Bathing in a well and eik hir Hadynnis zing. The Goddes was commonit at this thing. And him in forme hes of ane hart translatit: J faw (allace) his houndis at him flatit: Bakwert he blent to give thame knawledgeing Thay raif thair Lord misknew him at the batit.

Sine Ladyis come with lustie giltin tress, In habit wilde maist like till fostarestis, Amiddis quhome heich on ane Eliphant In signe that scho in chaistitie Incressis Raid Diane that Ladyis hartis dressis Till be stabill and na way Juconstant. Sod wait that nane of thame is variant. All chaist and trew virginitie professis I note, bot few I saw with Diane hant.

Intill that Court I faw anone prefent Jephteis douchter a lusie Lady gent Offerit to God in hir virginitie. Polirena I wis was not absent. Peanthesile with mannis hardyment Effyom and Airgenius douchter fre With other flouris of feminitie Baith of the new and the auld Testament all on thay raid and left me in the tre.

(In that desert dispers in sonder skatterit Wer bewis bair quhome rane & wind on batterit The water stank, the feild was odious Duhair dragons, lessertis, as kis, edders swatterit With mouthis gapand, forkit taillis tatterit.

Mith

Whith mony a stang and spoutis vennemous Corrupting Air be rewme contagious Waist gros and vile enpoysonit cludis clatterit Reskand like hellis smoke sulsurious.

[ABy daisit heid fozdullit disselie. I raisit by half in ane litargie. As dois ane Catine ydzunkin in sleip And sa appeirit to my fantasie A schynand licht out of the Mozth eist sky. The quhilk with sure to heir I did tak keip. Pzopoztion sounding dulcest hard I peip. In Husick number full of harmonic Dissart on far was carrit be the deip.

I Farther by water folk may soundis heir Than be the eirth, the quhilk with pozis seir Up dzinkis Air that mouit is be sound. Duhilk in compact water of ane Riveir Way nocht enter bot rinnis thair and heir. Duhill it at last be earyit on the ground. And thocht throw din be experience is sound, The sische ar causit within the River steir Anwith the water the nopis dois not abound.

(Cliolent din the Air dieckis and deiris Sine greit motionn of Air the water fleiris. The water fleirit, filehes for feirdnes fleis. Bot out of dout na filehe in water heiris. For as we fe richt few of thame hes eiris. And eik forsuith, bot gif wise Clerkis leis Chair is na Air Juwith waters nor feis,

C. j.

But quhilk na thing may heir (as wife me leiris) Like as but licht thair is na thing that feis.

[Ancurh of this I not quhat it may mene I will returne till declair all bedene Hy decidfull became with grissic fantalyis. I street befoir quhat I had hard of sene Particularlie sum of my panefull tene. Bot now God wait quhat feirdnes on me lyis Langer (I said) and now this time is twyis ane sound I hard of Angellis as it had bene With Parmonic foedinnand all the skyis.

That energy with thair with might be Joyous That energy wight thair with might be Joyous Bot J and Catines dullit in dispair. For guhen a man is wealth of furious Delancholik for wo, or tedious Than is all plesance till him maist contrair. And semblablic than sa did with me fair. This Pelodic Intonit heuinsie thus For profound wo constrair me mak cair.

And murnand thus as ane maist wofull wicht Df the maist plesand Court I had a sicht. In warld adoun sen Adam was creat.

Duhat sang? quhat Joy? quhat harmonie? quhat Duhat mirthfull solare plesance all at richt? (licht Duhat fresche bewtie? quhat excelland estait?

Duhat sweit voris? quhat wozdis suggurait?

Duhat fair debaitis? quhat luissu Ladyis bzicht

Duhat lussie gallandis did on thair service wait?

[Auhat gublie passance? and quhat mestralie? Duhat game thay maid? in faith not tell can J. Thocht J had profound wit Angelicall. The heuinlie soundis of thair Harmonie hes dynnit sa my drevie fantasse Baith wit and ressounhalf is loss of all. Tit (as J knaw) als lichtlie say J sall. That Angellike and godlie companie. Till se me thocht a thing Celesiall.

IPzoccidand furth was draw ane Chariote Be Curlouris twelf trappit in grene veluote. Of fine gold wer Junctures and harnafingis. The Lymnaris wer of birneift gold God wote, Baith airtre and quheillis of gold Jhote. Of goldin cord wer lyamis and the firingis festionit conjunct in masse goldin Ringis Eurr Hamis convenient for sie note and raw silk brechamis ouir thair halss hingis

The bodie of the Cairt of Euir bone. With Crifolitis and mony precious stone. Was all onirfret in due proportionn. Like sternis in the Firmament quhilks schone. Reparrellit was that godlike plesand wone Cyldit abone, and to the eirth adoun, In richest claith of gold of Purpure brown But fas nor other frenzeis had it none. Saif claith of gold anamallit all fassionn.

(Duhairfra dependant hang thir megir bellig Sum round, sum thraw in foud the quhilks errel-C. ij. (lis All wer of gold of Araby maist sine. Duhilks with the wind concesdandlie sa knellis That to be glaid thair sound all wicht compellis The Harmonic was sa Abelodious sine. In mannis voice and Justrument divine Duhair sa thay went it senit nathing ellis Bot Jerarrhyes of Angellis ordours nine.

(Amid the Chair fulfillit of plesance. And Lady sat, at quhais obeysance. Was all that rout: and wonder is to heir Of hir excelland lustic countenance. Hir hie bewtie quhilk maist is to avance, Precellis all, thair may be no compeir. For like Phebus in hiest of his Spheir thir bewtie schane castand so greit and glance all sairheid it oppess baith for and neir,

Scho was prirtes of schap and portrature, In hir had nature finishit hir cure. Is sor gude having thair was nane bot scho. Ind hir array was sa sine and sa pure. That quhairos was hir Rob, I am not sure. For north bot Perse and stanis micht I se. Of quhome the brichtnes of hir hie bewtie, For to behald my sicht micht not Indure, Wair nor the bricht Sone may the Bakkis Ee.

Thir hair as gold or Topalis was hewit. Duha hir beheld, hir bewtie ay renewit. On heid scho had a Crest of dyamantis. Thair was na wicht that gat a sight, eschewit.

Mar

Mar he neuer fa constant or weill thewit. Wa he was woundit and him hir fernät grantis That heuinlie wicht, hir Cristall Ene sa dantis, for blenkis sweit nane passit unpersewit Bot gif he wer preservit as thir Sanctis.

II wonder fair and fast in mind did stair, Duhat creature that micht be was sa fair, Of sa peirles excellent womanheid. Ind farlyand thus I saw within the Chair Duhair that a man was set with lymmis squair his bodie weill entailzeit enerie steid. He bair a bow with dartis haw as leid. His cleithing was als grene as ane huntair: Bot he soziuith had na Eine in his heid.

II understude be signes persanabill, That was Cupyd the God maist dissanabill, The Lady Uenus his Pother a Goddes, I knew that was the Court sa variabill, Of civily luse quhilk sendill standis stabill. Bot zit thair mirth and solace neuertheles, In Pulick tone, and menstralie expres, Sa crastelie with curage aggreabill, hard neuer wicht sie Pelodie I ges.

(Secompanyit lustic zonkeirs with all, Fresche Ladyis sang in voice virgineall, Concozdis sweit, divers entoned repoztis, Propozitionis sine with sound Celestiall Duplat, triplat, diatesseriall, Seque, altera, and decupla resortis

C. iij.

Diapason of mony lindzie soztis War soung and playit be seir cunning Henstrall On luse Ballatis with mony fair dispoztis.

In modulation hard I play and fing faburdoun, priklang, diseant, countering, Cant Drgane, siguration, and genunell, On croud, Lute, harp, with mony gudlie spring. Schalmes, Clarionnis, portatives hard I ring. Hongeord, Drgane, Tympane, and Cymbell, Sytholl, Platterie, and voices sweit as bell. Soft releschingis in dulce delivering fractionis divide at rest or clois compell.

Mot Pan of Archaid sa plesandlie playis Roz King Danid quhais playing as men sayis, Consurit the Specit, the quhilk Saul consoundit Rox Amphion with mony subtell layis. Duhilk Thebes wallit with harping in his day-Roz he that first the subtell crastis soundit (is Was not in Husick half sa weill Igroundit. Roz knew thair measure tent daill be na wayis At thair resort baith heuin and eird resonndit.

INa mair I undersinde thir numbers fine Be God than dois a greik of a swine Saif that me think sweit soundis gude to heir Na mair heiron my laubour will I tine. Na mair J will thir verbillis sweit desine. How that thair Husket tones war mair cleir And duleer than the mouing of the Spheir. Dr Depheus harp of Theare with sound divine Glaskeriane maid na novis compeir.

Thay condifiend sa weill in ane accozd, That by na Joint thair soundis bene discozd. In enerie key thay werren sa expert. Of thair array gif I suld mak recozd Lustie springaldis and mony gudsie Lozd. Tender zounglingis with piteous virgin hart. Elder Ladyis knew mair of Lustis art. Diners others quhilks me not list remozd Duhais lakkest weid was silkis ouirbzouderit.

(In veflures quent of mony findzie gyle I faw all claith of gold men micht deuite, Purpour colour, punik and tkarlote hewis. Urluot Robbis maid with the grand affyle Dames, Satyne, begaryit mony wife, Crameffic fatine, veluot endzoude in diners rewis Satine figures champit with flouris and bewis. Damefflure, tere, pyle quhairon thair lyis Peirle Dzphany quhilk enerie flait renewis.

Thair riche entire maist peirles to behald. Hy wit can not discrive howbeit I wald Hony entrappit seid with silkis seir. Hony pattrell nernit with gold I tald Full mony new gilt harnasing not ald. On mony Paltray luissum Ladyis cleir. And nirt the Chair I saw formest appeir Upon a bardit Curser sout and bald. Hars God of strice enarmit in birneist geir.

¶Euerie Jnualibill wapon on him he bair his luik was grym, his bodie large and fquair. C. iiij. his lymmis weill entailzeit to be firang? his nek was greit a span lenth weill or mair: his visage braid with Crisp brown curland hair Of stature not ouir greit nor zit ouir lang. Behaldand Clenus, D ze my luse (he sang) and seho agane with dalyance sa fair hir knicht him cleipis quhair sa he ryde or gang.

Thair was Arcyte and Palemon alfwa, Accompanyit with fair Acmilia. The Duene Dido with hir fals lufe Ence. Trew Troilus, vnfaithfull Creffida. The fair Paris, and plefand Helena. Constant Lucrece, and traist Penclope. Kind Piramus, and wobegone Thysbe. Dolozous Progne, trist Philomena. King Danids lufe thair saw I Barsabe.

Thair was Teir with the kind Alcyon. And Achilles worth with Agamemnon for Brillida his Lady fra him tane. Wofull Phillis with hir lufe Demophoon. Subtell Hodea, and hir Knicht Jason. Of France I saw thair Paris and Ucane, Thair was Phedra, Theseus and Adriane The secreit wise hardie Ipomedon. Affineir, hester, Irrepresabill Susane.

Thair was the fals unhappy Dalida. Cruell wickit and curft Defanira. Waryit Biblis, and the fair Absolon. Ppsyphile, abhominabill Sylla.

Tristram

Tristram, Pside, heleana and Anna. Cleopatra, and wozthie Wark Anthone. Jole, hercules, Alcest, Irion. The onlie patient wife Gresillida Marcifus that his heid byak on ane sone.

Thair was Jacob with fair Rachel his miak The quhilk become till Laban for hir faik, fourtene zeir bound with hart Jumutabill. Thair bene bot few sie now J vndertaik. Thir fair Ladyis in silk and claith of Laik, Thus lang sall not all foundin be sa stabill. This Ucuus court, quhilk was in luse maist abil for till discrine my cunning is to waik and multitude thap war Jumumerabill.

(Df gudlie folke in everie kinde and age, With blenkis sweit fresche lustic grene eurage, And daliance thay ryding furth in feir. Sum senis in hope, and sum in greit thirlage, Sum in dispair, sum sindis his panis swage Garlandis of flouris and rois Chaipletis seir Thay bair on heid and samin sang sa eleir. Duhill that thair mirth commonit my curage Till sing this lay quhilk followand ze may heir.

(Constranit hart belappit in distres, Groundit in wo, and full of henines, Complene thy panefull eairis Infinite. Bewaill this warldis frail unsteidfastnes, bauand regrait sen gane is thy glaidnes, and all thy folace, returnit in dispite

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D Catine theall Innolupit in lyte, Confes thy fatall wofull weetchitnes, Deuide in twane and furth diffound all tyte, Aggrenance greit in miserabill Indyte,

THE remains that subject to pennance Predestinate so void of all plesance specific greif amid mine hart Ingraue. The slide Inconstant destenie or chance, Unequaltie dois hing in thair ballance, who demerites and greit dolour I have, This Purgatorie redoublis all the laue. Ilk wicht hes sum weilfair at obeysance. Sais me bysning that may na grace resaue Deid the address and do me to my graue.

Allo worth sie strang missorum anoyous Duhilk hes oppress my spreitis maist Joyous. Who worth this warlois freuch felicite. Who worth my servent diseis dolorous, Who worth the wicht that is not pieteous Duhair the trespassour penitent thay se. Who worth this deid that daylie dois me die. Who worth Lupyd and wo worth fals Uenus. Who worth thame baith ay warpit mot thay be Who worth thair Court and cursit dessence.

(Loude as I mocht in dolour all distrenzeit This say I sang and not ane letter fenzeit, Tho saw I Clenus on hir sip did bite. And all the Court in haist thair horses renzeit, Proclamand soude quhair is zone Post y plenzeit Duhilk deith deseruis committand sie dispite. Fra tre to tre thay seirching but respite. Duhil ane me fand quhilk faid & greit distenzeit Auant veillane thow reclus Juperfite,

[All in one Fenir out of my muskane bowre, On kneis I cray and law for feir did lower Than all the Court on me thair heidis schuik. Sum glowmand grim, su girnand with visage sowre Sum in the nek gave me feil dyntis dowre. Pluk at the Craw thay cryit, deplone the Ruik Pulland my hair with blek my face thay bruik. Skrymmorie Fery gave me mony a clowre. For chyppynutic ful oft my chastis quuik.

[With pane, tozmet, thus in thair teneful play Till Urnus bound thay led me furth the way. Duhilk than was let amid a goldin Chair. And sa consoundit into that fell affray as that I might consider thair array. We thought the scild ouirspeed with Carpettis fair (Duhilk was tosoir brint, barrane vile, and bair) Worth maist plesand, but all (the suith to say) Wight north ameis my grenous pancfull sair.

Tenthronit fat Wars, Cupid and Uenus. Tho rais and Clerk was eleipit Clarius. We till accusen of a deidlie evince. And he begouth and red and dittay thus. Thom wickit Catine, wod and furious Presumpteouslie now at this present time. By Lady heir blashhemit in thy Rime. Hir sone, hir felf, and hir Court amorous for till betrais awaitst heir sen Prime,

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[Now God thow wait me thocht my fortune fey With quaikand voce and hart cald as a key. On kneis I kneillit and mercie culd Imploir Submittand me but ony langer pley Urnus mandate and plefure to obey. Grace was denyit and my travell forloir. For feho gave charges to proceed as befoir. Than Carius spak right floutlie me to fley Insoynand silence till alk grace ony moir.

Ibe demandit my answer quhat I said? Than as I mocht with curage all mismaid fra time I vndersude na mair supplie. Sair abaist, belive I thus out braid: Set of thir pointis of crime now on me laid I may me quite giltles in veritie. Tit first agane, the Judge quhilk heir I se, This Inordinate Court and proces quaid I will object for cause two or thre.

[Inclynand law (quod I) with peteous face I me defend, Padame pleis it zour grace Say on (quod scho) than said I thus but mair. Padame ze may not sit in to this cace. For Ladyis may be Judges in na place. And mairatoue I am na seculair A Spirituall man (thocht I be void of sair) Cleipit I am, and aucht my lives space To be remit till my Judge ozdinair.

¶I zow beleik Hadame with billie cure Till gine ane gratious Interlocuture On thir erceptionnis now proponit lait. Than suddanclie Uenus (I zow assure) Delinerit sone and with a voice sa sture Answerit thus, thow subtell sury God wait, Duhat wenis thow to degraid my hie estait. He to decline as Judge, curst creature It beis not sa, the game gais other gait.

As we the find thow fall thoill Judgement Dot of a Clerk we se the represent Saif onlie fallet and distaitfull taillis. First quhen thow come with hart and haill Intet Thow the submittit to my commandement. Dow now thairof me think to sone thow faillis. I wene na thing bot folie that the aillis. Tit Clerkis bene in subtell words quent. And in the deid als schairp as ony smaillis.

The bene the men bewzayis my commandis; ze bene the men disturbis my servandis; ze bene the men with wickit wordis feill. Duhilk blasphemis fresche lustic zoung galladis That in my service and retinew standis. Ze bene the men that eleipis zow sa seill, With sals behest quhill ze zour purpois skeill Sine ze sozsweir baith bodie treuth, and handis, ze bene sa sals ze can na word conceill.

Mour done (quod feho) sehir Aarius alswyith Do write the sentence lat this Catiue kyith. Sif our power may deming his misdeid. Than God thow wait gif that my Spreit was blyith. D. iij.

The fewerous hew intill my face did myith All my male eig, for twa the horribill dreid haill me ouirfet: I micht not fay my creid. For feir and wo within my skin I wryith I micht not yray forsuith thocht I had neid.

Tit of my beith I set not half ane sie Koz greit essein me thocht na pane to die. Bot sair I dzed me soz sum veher Jaip That Uenus suld thzow hir subtillitie In till sum bysning beist transfigurat me. As in a Beir a Bair ane Dule, ane Aip. I traissif sa soz till haue bene mischaip That oft I wald my hand behald to se Gif it alterit, and oft my visage grasp.

Tho I revoluit in my minde anone, how that Diane transformit Acteone. And Juno eik as for a kow gart keip. The fair Po that lang was wobegone. Argus hir zimmit that one had mony one, Duhome at the last Gerenrius gart sleip. And hir desinerit of that danger deip. I rememberit also how in a stone The wife of Loth Ichangit sair did weip.

II umbethorht how Joue and auld Saturne In till ane Wolf thay did Lycaon turne. And how the michtie Wabuchodonofor In beiklie forme did on the feild foiurne. And for his gilt was maid to welp and murne. This feirfull wonders gart me dreid full foir

for

For by exempilis oft I hard tofoir. He fuld bewar that feis his fellow fyurne Dischance of ane fuld be ane otheris loir.

And rolland thus in divers fantaleis, Terribill thochtis oft my hart did gryis Foz all remeid was alterit in dispair. Thair was na hope of mercie till deuyis Thair was na wicht my freind he na kin wyis, All haillelie the Court was me contrair. Than was all maili writtin the sentence fair any febill minde seand this greit supprys Was than of wit and everie blis full bair.

THE SECUND PART.

To thus amid this hard perpleritie Awaitand ever quhat moment J fuld die? De than fum new transsigurations. He that quhilk is eternall veritie, The glozious Loed ringand in personnis thee Proupdit hes for my Saluations. Be sum gude spreitis Revelations. Duhilk Intercessionn maid (I traiss) for me I forzet all Imaginations.

[All haill my dzeid I tho fozzet in hy. And all my wo, bot zit I will not guhy Saue that I had fum hope till be releuit. I railit than my vicage hailtelie And with a blenk anone I did espy A luik licht guhilk nocht my hart engreuit, Ane heuinlie rout, out throw the wood escheuit.

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Of quhome the bountie gif I not deny Uneith may be intill and Seripture bewit.

Mith Lawreir Crownit in Robbis side all new, Df a fassoun and all of stedsast hew, Arrayit weill ane Court I saw cum neir, Of wise degest Eloquent Fathers trew. And plesand Ladyis quhilks fresch bewtie schew Singand softlie full sweit on thair maneir, On Poet wise all divers verss seir historyis greit in Latine toung and grew Whith fresche Indite and soundis gude to heir.

[And fum of thame Ad Lyram playit and fang Sa plesand verse quhill all the Roches rang Hetir Saphik, and also Elygic Thair Instrumentis all maist war Fidillis lang Bot with a string quhilk never a wreist zeid wräg Sum had ane harp, and sum a fair [Plastric. [On lutis sum thair accentis subtelle] Deuydit weill and held the measure lang In soundis sweit of ylesand melodic.

The Ladyis lang in voices dulcozait farund Spissillis quhilks quhylum Duid wzait As Phillis Duene send till Duke Demophoon, And of Penelope the greit regrait Send to hir Lozd seho douting his estait That he at Troy suld loisit be oz tone. How Acontius till Cydippe anone Wzait his Complaint thair hard I weill God wait With other lustic missiness mony one,

¶I had

IJ had greit wonder of thay Ladyis feir Duhilks in that airt micht have no compeir: De castis quent, Rethozik colouris sine Sa Pocit like in subtell fair maneir, And eloquent sirme cadence Regulair Thair veyage furth contenand richt as line With sang and play (as said is) so beuine Thay fast approching to the place weill neir Duhair I was tozment into my greit pine.

Ind as that heuinlic fort new nominait Remoult furth on gudlic wife thair gait Toward the Court quhilk was to foir expremit, Wy curage grew, for quhat caus I nocht wait Saif that I held me payit of thair effait, and thay war folk of knawledge as it femit Als into Uenus Court full fast thay demit, Sayand zone lustic Court will shop or meit To Justisse this bysning quhilk blasphemit.

[Zone is (quod thay) the Court Rethozicall Df Poet termis fingand Poeticall And conflant ground of famous floreis sweit Zone is the facound well Celestiall Zone is the Fontane and Dziginall Duhairsva the well of Pelicon dois fleit. Zone ar the folk that comfoztis enerie specit Be sine delite, and dite Angelicall Causand gros leid, of maist gudnes gleit.

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Zone is the Court of Joyous discipline Duhilk cause folk thair purpois to cryzes In oznate wise, pzouokand with glaidnes All gentill hartis to thair lair Incline. Eueric famous Poeit men may devine Is in zone rout, lo zonder thair Pzinces Chespis, Mother of the Muss nine.

[And nirt her line, hir dochter fielt hyget Lady Cleo, quhilk craftelie dois set historyis auld, like as hay war present, Euerilk oulk day, daylie dois hir det In dulce blassis of Pypis sweit but let. The thrid liter Chalia diligent In wantoun writ, and Chronikill dois Juppent The feird endytis, oft with cheikis wet, Sair tragedeis, Welpomene the gent.

Terplichoze the fyft with humbill soun Wakis on Psalteris modulationn. The sert Erato, like thir louers wilde Will ling, daunce, and leip baith by and doun. Polymnia the seuint Huse of Renoun Dytis thir sweit Rethozick colouris milde, Duhilks ar sa plesand baith to man and Childe. Arania the aucht sister with Croun, Wittes the heuin, and starnis all bedene.

The nent quhome to nane other is compeix, Calliope the luftie Lady cleix:
Df quhome the bewtie and the worthines
hir vertewis greit schenis batth far and neir

Foz

For leho of Wobill fatis hes the fleir To write thair worlchip, victoric and prowes, In Kinglie file, quhilk dois thair fame Incres, Cleipit in Latine Heroicus but weir, Cheif of all write like as scho is Waistres.

(Thir Husis nine to zonder may ze se With stretche Mymphes, of water and of sey, And fair Ladyis of thir Tempillis auld Pyerides, Dzyades, and Saturee, Mercides, Iones, Mapee, Of quhome the bounteis neidis not be tauld Thus demit the Court of Urnus monyfauld: Duhilk speiche refreschit my perpleritie Reiogsand weill my Spzeit befoir was cauld.

The suddane sicht of that sirme Court soirsaid Recomfozt weill my hew befoir was faid amid my specit the Joyous heit redoundit, Behalding how the lustic Duss raid and all thair Court quhilk was sa blyith & glaid Duhais merines all heuines consoundit, Thair saw I weill in Poetrie ygroundit The greit homeir, quhilk in Greik langage said Haist cloquentlie, in quhome all wit yboundit.

Thair was the greit Latine Airgilius, The famous Father Poeit Duidius, Dietes, Dares, and eik the trew Lucane, Thair was Plautus, Poggius, and Perlius, Thair was Terence, Donate, and Servius, Francis Petrache, Flacus, Alaleriane,

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Thair was Elope, Cato, and Allane, Chair was Gaulteir and Boetius, Chair was also the greit Quintiliane.

Thair was the Satir Poet Junenall, Thair was the mirt and subtell Wartiall. De Thebes Brute, thair was the Poet Stace: Thair was franklus, and Laurence of the Uale, Pomponius, quhais fame of lait sans faill Is blawin wide throw eneric Realm and place. Thair was the Worall wise Poet Horace, With mony other Clerk of greit anaill Thair was Brunell, Claudius and Borchas.

The hundreth part thair names ar not heir, The hundreth part thair names ar not heir, Tit saw I thair of Brutus Albyon, Geffray Chaucrir, as A pe se sans peir In his vulgare, and mozall Johne Goweir. Lydgait the Gonk raid musing him allone Of this Natioun I knew also anone Greit Kennedie, and Dunbar zit vndeid, And Duintine with ane huttok on his heid.

Ihowbeit I culd declair and weill Indite The bounteis of that Court dewlie to write War ouir proliet, transcending mine Ingine, Tuiching the process of my panefull lite. Beline I saw this lustic House quhite, White all thair rout towart Uenus decline. Duhair Cupide sat with his in Throne deuine, I standard bundin in ane sorie plite Bydand thair grace, or than my deidlie pine.

Straicht to the Duene thir samin Husis raid Haist eloquentlie thair salutationnis maid, Clenus agane zald thame thair salusing Richt reverentlie, and on hir seit vydzaid: Beseikand thame to licht, nay, nay, thay said the may not heir mak na lang tarying. Calliope maist facound and bening Juquirit Uenus quhat wicht had hir mismaid Dz quhat was caus of hir thair soiozning.

(Sister (said scho) behald zone bysning sehew a subtell sury, considder weill his hew Standis thair bound, and bekinnit hir to me, Zone Catine had blasphemit me of new for to degraid, and do my fame adew. A laitlie Ryme dispitefull and subtell Compylit hes, reheirsand loude and hie Sclander, dispite, sozrow and velanie To me, mp Sone, and eik our Court soz ay.

The hes deseruit deith, he fall be deid, and we remaine fozsuith into this steid To Justifie that Rebald Rennigait. Duod Calliope, Sister away all feid Duhy fuld he die, quhy fuld he lois his heid. To flay him foz sa small ane cryme, God wait Greitar degrading war to zour estait To sic as he to mak conter pleid how may ane fule zour hie honour chekmait.

¶ Duhat of his lak, sa wide zour fame is blaw Zour ercellence maist peirles is sa knaw, E. iii. Ma wzetchis wozd may depair zour hie Mame Giue me his life, and modifie the Law foz on my heid he flandis now fir aw That he fall efter deserve neuer mair blame Mocht of his deith ze may repozt bot schame, In recompence of his millettand saw he sall zour hest in enerie part pzoclame.

Than Lord how glaid become my febil goist ady eurage grew, the quhilk befoir was loist. Seand I had sa greit ane Advocait. That expertlie but prayer, price or coist. Obtenit had my friwoll action almoist. Duhilk was befoir perischit and desolait. This quhile Uenus stude in ane studie strait, Bot sinallie scho schew till all the Dist Scho wald do grace, and not be obstinait.

IJ will (laid seho) have mercie and pietie, Do slaik my wzaith, and let all rancour be Duhair is mair vice, than to be ouir exuell, And speciallic in wemen sic as me.

A Lady sy, that usis tyzannic ane vennome is rather and a servent sell a vennemous dzagoun, oz ane deuill of hell Is na compair to the Iniquitie Of bald wemen, as thir wise Clerkis tell.

[Sreit God defend I fuld be one of tho Duhilk of thair feid and malice neuer ho Dut on sie gram, I will have na repzeif Talliope, sister said to Clenus tho

At zour

At zour requeist this wretche sall frelie go. Heir J remit his trespas, and all greif Sall be forzet, sa he will say sum breif Dr schort hallat, in contrair pane and wo Tuitching my Laude, and his plesand releif.

[And fecundlie, the nirt ressonabill command Duhilk I him charge, se that he nocht ganestand On thir conditionnis Sister at zour requests the fall gang stre, quod Calliope Inclinand, Grant mercie sister, I obleis be my hand the fall observe in all pointis zour behest, Than Cenus bad do stak sone my arreist. Beline I was relevit of everie band, Chrais the Court, and all the Parlour ceist.

The fat I down lawlie upon my kne at command of prudent Calliope Zeildand Uenus thankis ane thousand spith for sa hie fziendschip, and mercifull pietie Ercelland grace, and greit humanitie The quhilk to me trespassour did scho kyith I the forgine (quod scho) than was I blyith Down on ane stock I set me suddanelie at hir command, and wrait this say alswrith.

Allnwenmit wit beliverit of dangair Haift happelie beliverit fra the fnair, Relevit fre of service and bondage, Erpell dolour, expell diseils sair, Avoid displesure, womenting and cair Resaue plesance, and do thy sozrow swage.

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Behald thy glaid fresche lussie grene curage Resource amid thir louers but dispair, Provide ane place to plant thy tender age In lestand blis, to remane and repair.

Duha is in welth? quha is weill foztunait? Duha is in pietie discenerit fra debait? Duha leuis in hope? quha leuis in esperance? Duha standis in grace? quha standis in strme estait? Duha is content, reiopeit air or lait? Dz quha is he that Foztoun dois anance? Bot thow that is replenishit of plesance Thow hes comfozt, all weilsair delicait, Thou hes glaidnes thow hes the happie chance Thow hes thy will, thow be nocht desolait.

[Incres in mirthfull confolatioun,
In Joyous sweit Imaginatioun,
Abound in lufe of perfite Amouris
Whith diligent trew deliberatioun.
Rander louingis for thy Saluatioun
Cill Uenus, and under hir guerdoun all houris
Rest at all eis, but sair of sitefull schouris,
Abide in quiet, maist constant weilsair
[Be glaid and lycht now in thy lusty flouris]
Unwemmit wit deliverit of all dangeir.

This lay was red in oppin audience Of the Hulis, and in Urnus presence, I stand content thou art obedient Duod Calliope my companioun and desence, Urnus said eik it was sum recompence for my trespas, I was sa penitent.

And

And with that word all fuddanclie seho went, In one Instant seho and hie Court was hence Lit still abaid thie Onlis on the bent.

Inclinand than, I faid Calliope By Protectour, my help, and my fupplie, By fourcase Lady, my Redemptions, By Abediatour quhen I was dampnit to die I fall beseik the godlie Abaiestie Infinite thankis, laude and benisonn Tow till acquite, according zour Renoun It langis nocht my possibilitie Cill recompence ten part of this guerdoun.

[Sloir, honour, lande and renerence conding Duha may fozzeild zow of sa hie ane thing, and in that part zour mercic I Imploir Submitting me my lifetime Induring Zour plesure and mandate till obeysing Silence (said scho) I have ancuch heirsoir I will thow wend and vesse wonderis moir Than scho me hes betaucht in keiping Of ane sweit Nymphe maist faithfull and decoir.

Ane hozs I gat mailt richelie besene Uas harneist all with wordind leuis grene Of the same sute the trappours saw down hang Duir him I straid at command of the Duene, Tho samin surth we ryding all bedene Als swift as thocht with mony a merie sang Hyminghe alwayis connoyit me of thrang Amid the Huss to se quhat they wald mene

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Duhilks sang & playit, bot neuer a wzeist zeid wrang.

Throw countreis feir, holtis and Roches hie Duir vailis, planis, woddis, wallie, fey, Duir fludis fair, and mony firait Montane We war earlit in twinkling of ane Eye Dur horfis flaw, and raid nocht as thocht me Mow out of France turfit in Tulkane, Mow out of Flanders heicht vp in Almanic Mow into Egypt, now into Italie,

The hie Hontanes we passit of Germanie Duir Appennyous deuydand Italic, Duir Ryne, the Pow, and Tiber studes fair, Duir Alpheus, by Pyes the riche Cietie Under the eirth, that enteris in the see, Duir Rone, ouir Sane, ouir Frace, & eik ouir Lair and ouir Tagus the goldin sandit Riuair, In Chessalic we passit the Hont Dethe and hereules in Sepulture sand thair.

Thair went we onir the Kiner Penegus In Sicill cik, we pallit the Hont Tinolus Pleneist with Saistron, Honie, and with wyne, The twa toppit Famous Pernalus, In Trace we went, out onir the Hont Emus, Duhair Dryheus leirit his Harmonie maist fyne Duir Carmelus guhair twa Prophetis deuyne Remanit Helias and Helicus Fra guhome the ozdour of Carmelites come syne.

¶And nirt unto the land of Amazon

In haift we past the Flude Termodyon and onic the hudge hill that height Hynas. The raid the hill of Bacchus Citheron and Dlympus the Yout of Hacedon Duhilk semis beich vy in the heuin to pas In that countrie we raid the flude Pelas Duhais water makis quhite selejy blak anone, In Europe cik we raid the flude Thanas.

Mile raid the swift River Sparthiades The flude of Surry Achicozontes
The hill sa full of wellis eleipit Yda
Armenic hillis, and flude Euphyates,
The flude of Myle, the precious flude Ganges
The hill of Sicill ay birnand Ethna
And onic the Yout of Phisgie Dindama
Hallowit in honour of the Yother goddes
Tauld Taucasus we past in Sythia.

TUe past the fludis of Tigris and Phison De Theace the Rivers heben and Strymon, The Hout of Hodan and the flude Joedane, The facund well and hill of Helicon, The Hout Erix, the well of Acheron Baith dedicate to Uenus in certane, Use past the hill and desert of Libane Duir Hout Cinthus quhair god Appollo schone Straicht to the Huss Caballine Fontane.

(Belide that Cristall well sweit and degest Chame to repois, thair hogs refresche and rest, Alichtit down thir Hulls eleir of hew

The companie all haillelie leist and best Thrang to the well to drink quhilk ran southwest Throw out and meid quhair alkin stouris grew Amang the laif ful fast I did persew To drink, bot sa the greit preis me oppress, That of the water I might not tail a drew.

Dur hozlis passurit in ane plesand plane Law at the sute of ane fair grene Gontane Amid ane Deid schaddowit with Ceder treis, Sais sra all heit, thair micht we weill remane. All kinde of herbis, flouris, frute and grane With eneric growand tre thair men micht cheis The beriall stremis rinnand over staneric greis Haid sober noyis, the Schaw dinnit agane Foz birdis sang and sounding of the beis.

The Ladyis fair on diners Instrumentis Went playand, singand, dansand onix the bentis full Angellike, and herinlie was thair soun, Duhat creature amid his hart Jungentis The fresche bewtie, the gudelie representis? The meric speiche, fair havingis, hie Renoun Of thame, wald set a wise man half in swoun, Thair womantines wryithit the Elementis Stoneist the heuin, and all the eirth adoun.

The world may not confidder not discrive The heuinlie Joy, the blis I saw beline Sa Juestabill abone my wit sa hie, I will no mair thairon my foitheid rine Bot heiste furth my febill proces brine.

Law

Law in the Deid ane Palzeoun picht I fe Daift gudlieft, and richeft that micht be, Dy Gouernour ofter than times fine Anto that hald to pas commandit me.

(Swa finallie straicht to that Royall steid In fellowschip with my leidar I zeid, We enterit sone, the Poztar was not thea Thair was na stopping lang demand noz pleid I kneillit law, and vnheildit my heid, and tho I saw our Ladyis twa and twa, Sittand on deistis, familiars to and fra Sernand thame fast with Procras and Weid Delicait meitis, dainteis seir alswa.

Serit was the preis, the Feist Royall to sene At eis thay eit, with Interludis betwene. Save Problemmis seir, and mony fair demandis Inquyrand quha best in thair times had bene. Duha traist louers in lustic zeiris grene, Sū said this way, and sum thairto ganessandis, Than Calliope, Duide, to appeir commandis By Clerk (quod scho) of Register bedene Declair quha war maist worthis of thair handis.

[Clith Lawrere crownit at hir comandement Upflude this Poeit digest and eloquent, and schew the fatis of Hercules the strang how he the griste hellis hounds out rent, Slew Lyounis, Houseus, and mony fell Serpent and to the deith feil michtie Gyatis dang, Of Theseus eik, he schew the weiris lang, F. iii.

Agane the Quene Ppolita the sweit And how he slew the Pinotaux in Creit.

De Perseus he tauld the knichtlie deidis Duhilk vinquischit, as men in Duide reidis Ernell tyzantis, and Monstures mony one Df Dianis Bair in Callidon the dzeidis how throw ane Ladyis schot his sydis bleidis The hzetheris deith, and sine the sisters mone he schew how King Pzianus sone Psacone Efter his deith, bodie and all his weidis, Intill ane Skarth transsozuit was anone.

The sehem at Troy quhat wise the Greiks lads: how feirs Achilles stranglit with his handis. The vailzeat Cygnus, Mextunus sone mais deir Duhilk at Greikis arrivall on the strandis. A thousand slew that day vhon the sandis, Faucht with Achill, and bluntit all his speir. Wa wapin was that micht him wound or deir Duhill Achilles brist of his helme the bandis, and wirryit him be sorce sor all his seir.

The sehew full mony transmutationnis
And wonderfull new sigurationnis
Be hundrethis mo than I have heir expressit,
he tauld of lusis meditationnis,
The craft of luse, and the Saluationnis
how that the furic lustis suld be slemit
Of divers other maters als he demit,
And be his prudent schairp Relationnis
he was expert of all thing as it semit.

Upzais

[Apzais the greit Airgilius anone And playit the spoztis of Daphnis & Copydone, Sine Terence come and playit the Comedy Of Patmeno, Thrason and wise Gnatone Junenall like and mowar him allone Stude sconand eneric man as thay zeid by. Wartiall was Cuik till roist, seith, farce and sry, And Poggius stude with mony girne and grone On Laurence Halla spittand and cryand sy.

Mulith mirthis thus, and meitis delicait Thir Ladyis feisit according thair estait Uprais at last commandand till transput Retreit was blawin loude, and than God wait Wen micht have sene swift horsis haldin hait, Schynand for sweit as thay had bene anount. Of all that rout was never a prik discount for all our tary, and I furth with my mait Yountit on hors, raid sawin in gude point.

Duir mony gudelie plane we raid bedene The vaill of hebzon, the Camp Damastene, Throw Josaphat, and throw the lustic vaill, Duir waters wan, throw worthic woddis grene, and swa at last in listing up our Ene We se the finall end of our tranaill amid ane plane a plesand Roche to waill, and enerie wieht fra we that sicht had sene Thankand greit God thair heidis law denaill.

Taith finging, lauching, merines and play anto this Roche we ryden furth the way,

F. iiii.

Now mair to write for feir trimblis my pen, The hart may not think nor mannis toung lay, The Eir north heir, nor zit the Eye fe may It may not be Imaginit with men The heuinlie blis, the perfite Joy to ken Duhilk now I saw, the hundreth part all day I micht not schaw thocht I had toungis ten.

Thocht all my members tougis war on raw I war not abill the thouland fauld to schaw, Duhairfoir I feir ocht farther mair to write, For quhidder I this in saull or bodie saw That wait I nocht, bot he that all dois knaw The greit Sod wait, in eneric thing persite Eik gif I wald, this aussionn Indite Janglaris suld it bakbite and sand nane aw Try out on dremis quhilks ar not worth ane mite.

(Sen this till me all verific be kend I repute better thus to mak ane end, Than orht to say that suld heiraris engress. On other side thocht thay me visipend I consider prudent folk will commend The verifie, and sie Jangling repress Ulith quhais correctioun, support and reless furth to proceed, this proces I pretend Traisland in God my purpose to escheis.

Mowbeit I may not enerie eireumstance Reduce persitelie in remembrance. Hyne Ignorance zit sum part sall deuise Tuitching this sicht of heuinlie sweit plesance.

Pow

Now emptie pen write furth thy luffie chance Schaw wonderis feill, suppose thow be not wife Be diligent, and ripelie the aute, Be quick and schairy voidit of variance Be sweit, and caus not gentill hartis grise.

THE THRID PART.

ZE Husis nine be in my adiutozic,
That maid me se this blis and persite glozic Teiche me zour facund castis Eloquent,
Len me a recent schairy fresche memozic And caus me dewlie till Judite this stozic Sum gratious sweitnes in my bzeist Junyzent Till mak the heirars bowsum and attent Reidand my wzit, Illuminate with zour loir Infinite thankis randerand zow thairsoir.

I Now breistic to my purpois for till gone about the hill lay way is mony one and to the hight but ane passage Ingraue, brwin in the Roche of slid hard Harbell stone agane the Sone like to the glas it schone, The ascence was hie, and strait for till consaue than thir Husses gudelie and suare alightit down, and claim the Roche in hie chith all the rout, outlane up Rimphe and I.

Still at the hillis fute we twa abaid Than suddanclie my keipar to me said Ascend Galland, than for feir I quoik, Be not affrayit, seho said be not dismaid, And with that word by the strait rod abraid G. j.



J followit fast, scho be the hand me tuik, Zit durst I neuer for dreid behind me luik With mekill pane thus clam I neir the hicht Duhair suddanelie I saw ane grisse sicht.

(As we approchit neir the hillis heid ane terribill seweh birnand in stammis reid Abhominabill, and how as hell to se all full of Brintstane, Pick and bulling Leid, Duhair mony wretchit creature lay deid. And miserabill eatines zelland loude on hie I saw, quhilk den micht weill compairit be Till kanthus the stude of Troy sa schill Birnand at Uenus hest contrair Achill.

[Amid our passage lay this valie sicht Wocht braid bot sa horribill to enerie wicht That all the warld to pas it suld have dreid. Weill I considerit na uppermair I micht, and to discend sa hiddeous was the hight I durst not anenture sor this est on dreid Trimbland I stude w teith chatterand gude speid My Nymphe beheld my cheir and said let be Thow sall nocht aill, and so the raus (quod sche.)

To me thow art commit, I fall the keip, Thir pietcous pepill amid this laithlie deip Wartchis quhilks in lustie zeiris fair Pretendit thame till hie honour to creip. Bot suddanclie thay fell on seuthfull sleip Followand plesance, drownit in this Loch of cair and with that word scho hint me be the hair.

Carpit

Carpit me till the hillis heid anone As Abacuk was brocht in Babylone.

[As we bene on the hie hill lituait, Luik down (quod seho) consaue in quhat estait Thy wretchit world thow may consider now At hir command with mekill dreid God wait Dut ouir the hill sa hiddrous hie and strait I blent adoun, and selt my bodie grow This brukill eird sa litill till allow We thocht I saw birne in ane syrie rage Of stormic sey quhilk micht na maner swage.

That terribill tempest hiddeous wallis huge Uar maist grisse for to behald or Judge Duhair nouther rest nor quiet micht appeir Thair was ane perrellous place folk for to sudge Thair was na help, support nor zit resuge Innumerabill folk I saw slotterand in feir Duhilk pereist on the walterand wallis weir and secundie I saw ane luste Barge Duirset with sepis and mony somie charge.

This gudelie Carwell taiklit traist on raw With blanschite saill milk quhite as ony snaw, Richt sour ticht and wonder stranglie beildit Was on the bairdin wallis quite ouirthzaw Contrariouslie the bustrous wind did blaw In bubbis thik, that na schipis sail micht weild it Now sank scho law, now hie to heuin vyheildit, at everie part swa sey and windis dzaif Duhill on ane sand the schip did bzist and clais.

G. ij.

TI was ane pieteous thing, alaik, alaik, To heir the dulefull cry quhen that scho straik Waist lamentabill the pereist folk to se Sa fameist, drowkit, mait, forwrocht and waik. Sum on ane plank of Fir tre, and sum of Aik, Sum hang vyon a Takill, sum on ane tre, Sum fra thair grip sone weschin with the see Part drownit, part to the Roche seit or swam On raipis or burdis sine vy the hill thay clam.

The at my Mimphe briffie I did Inquire Duhat signispit that feirfull wonders seir Zone multitude (said seho) of pepill drownit Ar faithles folk, quhilks quhill thay ar heir Histories God, and followis thair pleseir, Duhairsoir thay sall in endles sire be brint, Zone lustic schip thow seis percist and tint In quhome zone pepill maid ane perrellous race Scho heeht the Carwell of the state of grace.

The bene all borne the sonnis of Ire I ges Sine throw Baptisme gettis grace and faithfulnes. Than in zone Carwell surclie ze remane, Oft stormested with this warlois brukisnes Duhill that ze fall in sin and wretchitnes Than schip brokin sall ze drown in endles pane Ercept be faith ze sind the plank agane Be Christ, wirking gude warkis I understand Remane thairwith, thir sall zow bring to land.

This may fustice (said scho) tuitchad this part Returns thy heid behald this other art Considder

Consider wonders, and be vigilant That thow may better endyten efterwart Things quhilkis I sall the schaw of we depart, Thow sall have fouth of sentence and not seant. Thair is no welth not weilfair thow sall want The greit Police of honour thow sall se Lift by thy heid, behald that sieht (quod sehe)

(In this command I railit his on hight apy vilage till behald that heuinlis light, Bot to discrine this mater in effek Impossibill was till ony eirdlis witht It transcendis far abone my might That I with Ink may do bot paper blok I mon draw furth the zok lyis on my nok as of the place to say my lends anise Pleneist with plesance like to Paradice.

II saw ane plane of peirles pulchzitude Duhairin aboundit alkin thingis gude, Spice, wine, cozne, oyle, tre, frute, flour, herbis grene All foullis, beistis, birdis, a alkin sude, All maner fisches baith of sey and sude. War keipit in pondis of poleist silver schene With purifyit water as of the Cristall elene To noy the small, the greit beistis had na will, Nor Rauenous foulis the lytill Colatill.

Still in the fessoun all things remanit thair Perpetuallie but outher noy or fair, By rypit war baith herbis, frute and flouris Of euerie thing the names to declair

G. iij.

Unto my febill wit unpossibill wair Amid the Weid repleit with sweit odouris A Palice flude with mony Royall Cowyis Duhair kyrnellis quent feil turrettis men micht find And goldin Thanis waifand in the wind.

[Pinnakillis, Fyellis, Turnpekkis mony one Gilt birneist tozzis, quhilk like to Phebus schone Skarsment, Repzise, Cozbell and Battellingis, Fulzery bozdouris of mony precious stone. Subtile muldzie wrocht mony day agone On Buttereis, Jalme pillaris & plesand springis Duick Junagerie, with mony lustic singis Thair micht be sene, and mony worthie wichtis Besoir the zet arrayit all at richtis.

Thurth past my Wimphe, I followit subsequet Straicht throw the plane to the first waird we went Of the Palice, and enterit at the port. Thair saw we mony flaitlic tornament Lancis brokin, knichtis said on the bent, Plesand passance, and mony sussie sport. Thair saw we als, and suntime battell mort all thir (quod scho) on Uenus service vaikis In deidis of armis sor thair Ladyis saikis.

Melyand I flude, the principall place but prix That heuinlie Palice all of Cristall cleir, Whocht as me thought of poleist beriall stone Bosiliall, nor Dliab but weir, Duhilk Sancta Sanctorum maid maist riche & deir Nor he that wrocht the Tempill of Salomon

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Moz he that beildit the Royall Plion Moz he that forgit Darius Sepulture Culd not performe sa craftelie ane cure.

Studiand heiron my Nimphe onto me spak Thus in a stair quhy standis thow supisak Souand all day, and nathing hes vesite.
Thow art prolint, in haist returne thy bak, Sa efter me and gude attendance tak.
Duhat now thow seis, lusk efterwart thow write Thow sall behald all Uenus blis persite.
Thair with scho till ane garth did me conuoy Duhair that I saw anench of persite Joy.

(Amid ane Theone with stanis riche ouirfret, And claith of gold Lady Acnus was set By hir, hir Sone Cupide quhilk nathing seis, Duhair Hars enterit na knawledge micht I get Bot straicht befoir Acnus visage but let Stude emeraut stages twelf, grene precious greis Duhairon thair grew thre curious goldin treis Ap standand weill the Goddes face beforne ane fair Hirour be thame quentlie vyborne.

[Duhairof it makit was I have no feill De beriall Cristall glas or birneist steill, De Diamant, or of the Carbunkill Gem, Duhat thing it was, define may I not weill, Bot all the bordour circulair enerie deill Was plait of gold, rais, siok and otter hem, With verteous stanis picht that blude wald stem for quha that woundit was in the Cornament, G. iii,

Wor haill fra he voon the Wirrour blent.

This royall Relick fa riche and radious Sa poleist, plesand, purifyit and precious Duhais bounteis half to write I not presume, Thairon to se was sa delitious, and sa excelland schaddowis gracious Surmounting sar in brichtness to my dome The coissie subtell spectakill of Rome Drift the Hirrour send to Canace, Duhairin men might mony wonders se.

In that mirrour I micht se at ane sicht The deidis and fatis of everic cirdlic wicht All thingis gone like as thay war present All the creationnis of the Angellis bricht Of Lucifer the fall so all his micht. Adam sirst maid, and in the eirth ysent And Woyes stude thair saw I subsequent Babylon beild that Towe of sir Renoun Of Sodomes the feill subversionn.

¶ Abraham, Jlaac, Jacob, Joleph J faw Hoznit Goyles with his auld Hebzew Law Ten Plaiges in Egypt fend foz thair trespas, In the reid sey with all his Court on raw King Pharao dzownit, y God wald never knaw. I saw quhat wise the sey deuydit was And all the Hebzewis dzy fute ouir it pas Sine in desert I saw thame fourtie zeiris. Of Josue I saw the wozthie weiris.

IDf Judicum the battellis strang anone I saw of Icepte, and of Gedeone, Df Amalech the exuell Homicide, The woderfull workis of doughtie Duke Samsone Duhilk stew a thousand w and Aftes bone. Rent Tempillis doun, and zettis in his pride Of guhais strenth merwellis this world sa wide I saw Duke Sangor thair with mony a knok Ser hundreth men stew with ane Pleuchis sok.

The prophet Samuel saw I in that glas Anoyntit King Saul, quhais some Ionathas I saw vincus ane greit Dist him allane: Zoung Dauid sa the grissie Golyas Duhais speir heid weeht thre hudreth vnces was Iesbedonab the Gyant mekill of mane Lay be the handis of michtie Dauid slane With fingers ser on ather hand but weir. Dauid I saw sa baith Lyoun and Beir.

This Dauid eik at anc onlet a flound Aucht hundzeth men I saw him bzing to ground Whith him I saw Banayas the strang Duhilk twa Lyounis of Hoad did consound, and gave the kalwart Ethiop deidis wound Whith his awin speir that of his hand he thzang Unabasitlic this Campioun saw I gang In a deip eisterne, and thair a Lyoun sleuch Duhilk in ane stozue of snaw did harme ancuch.

De Salomon the wisdome and estait, Thair saw J, and his riche Tempill God wait H. j.

his some Roboam quhilk throw his helis pride Tint all his liegis hartis be his fait. He was to thame so outrageous Ingrait, Of twelf Tribes ten did fra him devide. I saw the Angell sla be nichtis tide Four scoir thousandis of Sennacheribs Diff. Duhilk come to weir on Jowrie with greit boist.

II saw the life of the King Ezechy Prolongit rv. zeir and the Prophet Bely Amid a sprie Chair to Paradice went, The slozyis of Esras and of Meenny, and Daniell in the Lyounis Caue saw I for he the Dragoun slew, Bel brak and schent The Children thre amid the Fornace sent, I saw the transmigration in Babylon and baith the buikis of Paralipomenon.

II saw the halie Archangell Raphaell, Garie Sara, the doughter of Raguell Dn Thobias for his Just Fathers saik, And bind the cruell Denill that was sa fell Duhilk slew hir seuin sirst husbands as thay tell And how Judith Holiphernes heid of straik, Be nichtis tyde, and fred hir toun fra wrak, Jonas in the Duhaillis wombe dayis thre And schot furth sine I saw at Winine.

TDf Job J saw the patience maist degest Df Alexander J saw the greit conquest, Duhilk in twelf zeiris wan neir this warld on breid And of Anthiocus the greit vnrest,

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how typanlie he Jowie all oppiest, Df Wachabeus full mony ane Knichtlie deid That gart all Grece and Egypt stand in dreid In quiet brocht his Realme throw his prowes I saw his brether Symon and Jonathas.

(Auhilks war maist worthic quhil thair dayis rang Of Thebes eik I saw the weiris lang, Duhair Tydeus allone slew sistie Knichtis, how finallie of Greec the Campiounis strang All haill the sour of Knichtheid in that thrang Destroyit was, quhill Theseus with his michtis The toun and Creon wan sor all his slichtis. Thair saw I how, as Statius dois tell Amphiozar the Bischop sank to hell.

The faithful Ladyis of Grece I mieht colidder In claithis blak all bairfute pas togidder, Till Thebes lege fra thair Lordis war flane. Behald ze men that callis Ladyis lidder and licht of laitis, quhat kindnes brocht the hidder Duhat treuth & lufe did in pair breifts remane I traiff ze fall reid in na writ agane In ane Realme sa mony of sic constance Persaue thairby wemen ar till avance.

(Df Duke Pirithons the sponsage in y tide Duhair the Centauris rest away the bride Thair saw J, and thair battell hudge to se, and hercules quhais Renoun walkis wide For Iriona law by Tropis side, Faucht and ouircome a Honstour in the sey H. ij.



For quhilk (quhen his rewaird denyit was) he Waid the first seige and the destructions Of michtic Troy, quhylum that Royall toun.

To win the fleis of gold the law I fent Df Grece the Mobillis, with Jalon confequent, haill thair conqueiff, and all Access flichtis how for Jalon Pyliphile was fehent, and how at Troy as thay to Colchos went Greikis thelit of King Laomedon greit unrichtis Duhairfoir Troy defiroyit was be thair michtis Iriona reuiff, and Laomedon flane Bot Priamus reflorit the toun agane.

The Judgement of Paris saw I sine That gave the Apill, as Poetis can define Till Uenus, as goddes maist gudlic, and how in Greec he renischit Quene helene Quhairfoir the Greikis with thair greit Manie Full mony thousand Knichtis haiselie Thame till renenge saillit towart Troy in hy I saw how be Ulires with greit Joy Quhat wise Achill was sound & broth to Troy.

The cruell battellis and the dintis firang The greit debait, and eik the weiris lang At Troyis seige, the Hirrour to me sehew Sustenit ten zeiris Greikis Troianis amang. And ather partie set full oft in thrang, Duhair that hertor did dourhtie deidis anew Duhill seires Achil baith him and Troylus sew The greit hors maid J saw, and Troy sine tint,

And

And fair Plion all in flambis byint.

(Sine out of Troy I faw the Fugitiues, how that Eneas, as Airgill weill discrines In countreis seir was be the seyis rage Bewauit oft, and how that he arrives With all his Flote, but danger of thair lines, and how thay war restet baith man and page Be Duene Dido, remanand in Carthage, and how Eneas sine, as that thay tell Went so to seik his Father down in hell.

Duir Stir the Flude I saw Encas fair Duhair Charon was the busicous Ferriar, The Fludes sour of hell thair micht I se The folk in pane, the wayis circulair The welterand stone wirk Sisspho micht cair and all the plesance of the Camp Elise Duhair auld Anchises did commoun with Ence, and schew be line all his successionn This Ilk Encas mais famous of Renoun.

II saw to Goddes mak the Sacrifice Duhairof the ordone and maner to denife War our proliect, and how Greas syne Went to the schip, and eik I saw quhat wise All his Manie greit hounger did supprise. How he in Italie finallie with greit pyne Arrynit at the strandis of Lanyne, and how he faucht weill baith on landis a sexis And Turnus slew the King of Kutileis.

H. iij.

[Rome saw I beildit sirst be Romalus, and eik how lang as writes Livius The Romane Kingis abone the pepill rang and how the wickit proud Tarquinius With wise and barnis be Brutus Junius, War crylit Rome sor thair Insustrabill wrang, Bot all the proces sor to schaw war lang how chais Lucrece the gudliest and best Be Sertus Tarquine was cruellie oppress.

The Punik battellis in that Dirrour cleir Betwene Carthage and Romanis mony zeir, I saw becaus Eneas picteous fled fra Dido be admonitiounis seir Betwene thir pepill rais ane langsum weir. I saw how worthis Darrus Regulus Baist vailzeand, prudent, and victorious, howbeit he might at libertic gone fre for commoun profite cheisst for to die.

[Tullus Servilius douchtic in his daw, and Harcus Curtius eik in the Hirrour J law Duhilk throw his koutnes in the fyzie gay for commoun profite of Rome him felf did thraw Richt vnabailitlie hauand na dreid nor aw Hountit on hors, vnarmit thairin lap. And Panniball J law be fatall hap Win contrair Romanis mony fair victorie Duhill Scipio eclipsit all his glorie.

¶This worthi Scipio cleipit Aphricane I saw vincus this Hanniball in plane,

And

And Carthage bring unto finall ruine. And fine to Rome coquerit the Realme of Spane how King Jugurtha hes his brether flane. Thair faw Jeik, and of his weir the fine Richt weill I faw the battellis Intestine Of Catilina, and of Lentulus And betwene Pompey, and Cefar Julius.

[And breistie energe famous doughtie deid, That men in storic may se or Chronikill reid I micht behald in that Hirrour cryres. The miserie, the cruestie, the dreid, Pane, sorrow, wo, baith wretchitnes and neid. The greit Juny, conctous downishes. Tuitchand warldlie unfaithfull brukilnes. I saw the Feind sall solkis to vices tyst. And all the cunning of the Antechrist.

Aplesand debaitmentis quha sa richt reportis Thair micht be sene, and all maner disportis, The Falcounis sor the River at thair gait Mewand the soullis in periculo mortis, Layand thame in be companeis and sortis, and at the plunge part saw I handillit hait The werie hunter besse air and lait With questing houndis seirching to and tra To hunt the hart, the Bair, the Da, the Ra.

II faw Raf Coilzear with his thrawin brow Craibit Johne the Reif, & auld Cowkewyis fow And how the Maran come out of Ailstay,
And Pries plewma that maid his workmen fow H. iii.

Szeit Sowmakmorne & Kyn Hakcoull, & how Thay fuld be Soddis in Ireland as thay fay Thair faw I Paitland vyon auld beird gray, Robene Hude, and Silbert with the quhite hand How Hay of Nauchtoun flew in Padin land.

The Nigromansie thair saw Jeik anone De Benytas, Bongo, and Freir Bacone, With mony subtill point of Juglary Of Flanders peis maid mony precious stone. Ane greit laid sadill of a siching bone, Of anc Nutemug thay maid a Yonk in hy ane Paroche Kirk of ane yenny py. And Benytas of ane Yusill maid ane sip With mony other subtill mow and Jaip.

[And schootlie to declair the veritic all plesand passance, and gammis that micht be In that Girrour war present to my sicht, and as I wonderit on that greit sarlie Urnus at last in turning of hir Eye Knew weill my face, and said be Goddis micht Ze bene welcum my presonar to this hight, how passit thow (quod scho) this hiddeous deip? Waddame (quod I) I not mair than ane scheip.

IN a fozce thairof (laid scho) sen thow art heir how pless the our passance and effeir? Slaidlie (quod scho) Hadame be God of heuin. Rememberis thow (said scho) withouttin weir On thy promit, quhen of thy greit dangeir I the desince: as now is not to neuin,

Than

Than answerit I agane with sober seuin, Wadanne zour precept quhat sa be zour will heir I remane all reddy to fulfill.

[Meill, weill, (faid scho) thy will is sufficent Df thy bowsum answer I stand content, Than suddanelie in hand ane buik scho hint The quhilk to me betaucht scho of I went. Commandand me to be obedient, and put in Ryme that process than quite tint I promiss hir forsuith or scho wald stint The buik resauand, thairon my cure to press Inclinand sine, lawlie I tuik my leif.

Tuitchand this buik perauenture ze fall heir Sum time efter, quhen I haue mair laseir, Wy Mimphe in haist scho hint me be the hand and as we sampn walkit surth in seir I the declair (quod scho) zone Hirrour cleir The quhilk thow saw befoir Dame Uenus stand Signifyis na thing ellis to understand Bot the greit bewtie of thir Ladyis facis Duhairin louers thinks thay behald all graces.

TScho me convoyit finallie to tell With greit plesance straicht to the riche Castell, Duhair mony saw J preis to get Ingres. Thair saw J Sinon and Achitophell Preissand to clim the wallis, and how thay fell. Lucius Catiline saw J thair expres In at ane windo preis till have entres, Bot suddanelie Tullius come with ane buik

And Araik him dou quhill all his chaftis quoik.

I fast climmand by thay lustic wallis of stone I saw Jugurtha and tressonabill Tryphone, Bot thay na grippis thair micht hald soz slidder. Preissand to clim stude thousandis mony one and to the ground thay fallin eneric one. Than on the wall are Garitour I considder Proclamand loud that did thair hartis swidder Dut on falsheid the Yother of eneric vice away Juny and birnand couetice.

That Garitour tho, my Miniphe unto me tald Was cleipit Lawtie, keipar of that hald Of hie honour, and thay pepill outlehet, Swa preistand thame to clim quhylum war bald Richt verteous, zoung, bot fra time yai wor ald Fra honour haill on vice thair minde is set, Now sall thow go (quod scho) straicht to the zet Of this Palice, and enter but offence, For the Portar is cleipit Patience.

The michtie Prince, the greitest Empreour Of zone Palice (quod scho) heeht hie Honour Duhome to dois serve mony traist Officair for Cheritie of gudlines the flour Is Paister houhald in zone Cristall Cowr. Firme Constance is the Kingis Secretair and Liberalitic heeht his Thesaurair, Junocence and Devotioun as effeiris Bene Clerkis of Closet and Cubiculairis.

Obis

This Comptrollar is cleipit Discretioun, sommanitie and trew Relatioun Bene Jscharis of his Chalmer morne and ewin Peice, quiet rest, oft walkis op and down Intill his hall, as Harlehellis of Renoun. Temperance is Cuik, his meit to taist and preif shunilitie Carwer, that na wicht list to greif, his Paisser Sewar heeht Aerteous discipline Percie is Copper, and miris weill his wine.

This Chancelair is cleipit Conscience Duhilk for na meid will pronounce fals sentence With him ar Assessouris sour of ane assent, Science, Prudence, Justice, Sapience Duhilks to na wicht listin commit offence, The Chekker Rollis and the Kingis rent as Auditouris, thay ouirse quhat is spent, Lauborous diligence, Gude warkis, Clene leuing Bene Dutstewartis, and Catouris to zone King.

Sude hope remanis euer amang zone lozt ane fine Denstraill, with mony mow and spozt, and Pietie is the Kingis Almoseir, Sine Foztitude the richt quha list report Is Lieutenand all wretchis to comfort The Kingis Dinzeoun roundand in his Eir beeht Uerite, did neuer leill man deir, and schortlie euerie vertem and Plesance Is subject to zone Kingis obeysance.

Chan past we to that Cristall Palice quhite
I. ij.

Duhair I abaid the entrie to behold I bad na mair of plesance not delite Of lustic sicht, of Joy and blis persite Wor mair weilfair to have abone the mold Than sot to se that zet of birneist gold, Duhairon thair was maist curioussie Ingrave III naturall thingis men map in eird consave.

Thair was the eirth enuironit with the fey, Duhairon the sehippis sailland micht I se, The Air, the Fire, all the four Elementis, The Spheiris seuin, and Primum mobile The Signes twelf persitelie enerie gre, The Zodiak haill, as buikis representis, The Pole Antartick, that ener him self absentis, The Pole Artick, and eik the Uris twane, The seuin Starnis, Phaton and the Charlewane.

Thair was Ingraue how that Ganamedes Was reft till heuin, as men in Duide reidis, And vnto Juppiter maid his cheif Butlair. The douchteris fair into thair lustic weidis Of Diada, amid the sey but decidis, Swymmand, and part war sigurit thair Upon ane Craig dyand thair zallow hair. With facis not vnlike, so quha thame seing Hicht weill consider that thay all sisters being.

(De Planeitis all the confunctionnis Chair Epistillis and oppositionnis War portrait thair, & how thair cours swagis Chair naturall, and daylie motionnis, Eclipsis, Eclipsis, aspectis and digressionnis. Thair saw I, and mony gudlic personages Duhilks semit all lustic quick Images, The warkmanschip exceding mony fold The precious mater thouht it was syness gold.

Monderand heiron agane my will but let My Mimphe in greif schot me in at the zet, Duhat deuill (said scho) hes thow nocht ellis ado Bot all thy wit and fantasie to set On sie doting, and the foz seir I swet. Of hie langage, bot than anone (said scho) List thow se farleis, behald thame zonder lo Zit studie nocht ouir mekill a dzeid thow varie, foz I persaue the halbingis in ane Farie.

[IAithin that Palice sone I gat ane sicht Duhair walkand went full mony worthie wicht Amid the clois, with all mirthis to waill, for like Phebus with syrie bemis bricht The wallis schane, castand sa greit and licht It semit like the heuin Imperiall, and as the Ceder surmountis the Rammall In persite hight, sa of that Court a glance Erreidis sar all cirdlic vane plesance.

I for lois of fieht confidder micht I nocht how perfitelie the riche wallis war wrocht Swa the reflex of Christall stanis schone for brichtnes scarlie blenk thairon I mocht. The purifyst silver surelie as me thocht In sied of Symont was outr all that wone,

I. iij.

Lit round about full mony and Beriall flone, and thame confunctlic Jonit fast and quemit The Clois was pachit with silver as it femit.

The durris and the windois all war breddit With mallie gold, quhairof the fynes scheddit With birneist Euix baith Palace and Towris War theikit weill, maist craftelie that cled it, for sa the quhitlie blanschit bone ouix spred it Hidlit with gold anamalit all colouris Importurait of birdis and sweit slouris, Curious knottis, and mony hie deuise Duhilks to behald war persite Paradise.

And to proceed my Mimphe and I furth went Straicht to the Hall throwout the Palice gent, and ten stages of Topas did ascend Schute was the dure, in at a boir I blent Duhair I beheld the glaidest represent, That ever in cirth I wretchit Cative kend Breiste this proces to conclude and end we thought the slure was all of Amatis, Bot quhairof war the wallis I not wist.

The multitude of precious stanis seir Thairon sa schane my febill sicht but weir, Hich not behald thair verteous gudlines for all the Russ as did to me appeir Hang sull of plesand lowpit Sapheiris cleir Of Dyamontis and Rubeis as I ges War all the buirdis maid of maist riches, Of Sardanis of Jasp and Smaragdane

Craiffig,

Traissis, fozmis, and benkis war poleist plane.

(Baith to and fro amid the Hall thay went Royall Princes in plait and Armouris quent Of birneist gold couchit with precious stants, Enthronit sat and God Dunipotent On quhais glorious visage as I blent In ertasse be his brichtnes atanis he smote me down, and brists all my banis, Chair lay I still in swown with colour blancht Duhill at the last my Nimphe vp hes me caucht.

Thine w greit pane, with womenting a cair In hir armis scho bair me down the stair and in the Clois full softlie laid me down, Upheld my heid to tak the hailsum air for of my life scho stude in greit despair: We till awalk ay was that Lady bown Duhill finallie out of that deidlie swown I swyith ouircome, and by mine Ene did cast Te merie man (quod scho) the worst is past.

That for a plesand sicht was sane writes hart, That for a plesand sicht was sa unismaid Than all in anger voon my feit I kart and sor hir wordis war sa apirsmart Unto the Wimphe I maid a buseous draid. Tarling (quod I) quhat was zone that thow saide? Soft zow (said scho) thay ar not wise that stryiffs for kirkmen war ay gentill to that wrifis.

I. iii.

IJ am richt glaid thow art wozthin sa wicht Lang eir me thocht y" had nouther sozee noz micht Curage noz will soz till have grenit ane Kla, Duhat aillit the to fall (quod I) the sicht Of zone Goddes grim syzie visage bzicht Duirset my wit, and all my specifis swa I micht not stand, bot was that suith, za, za. Than said the Wimphe richt merilie and leuch Now I consider thy mad hart weill aneuch.

Is will no mair (quod scho) the thus assay With sie plesance quhilk may thy spreit assray, Zit sall thow se surveise sen thow art heir Hy Ladyis Court in thair gudlie array. For to behald thair mirth cum on thy way Than hand in hand swyith went we furth in feir It a Posserne towart the fair Herbeir In that passage full sast at hir I franit Duhat folk thay war within that Hall remanit.

Pone war (faid feho) quha fa the richt discrines Waist vailzeand folk, and verteous in thair lines Wow in the Court of Honour thay remane Uerteoussie, and in all plesance thrines. For thay with speir, with swords and waises In Just battell war fundin maist of mane In thair promittis thay stude ener firms of plane In thame aboundit worsely and lawtie Illuminat with liberalitie.

¶ Honour (quod scho) to this heuinlie King Differris richt far fra warldlie gouerning,

Duhilk

Duhilk is but Pompe of circlie dignitie Seuin foz estait of blude, micht oz sie thing, and in this countrie Pzince, Pzelate oz King Allanerlie fall, foz vertew honourit be, Foz circlie gloir is nocht bot vanitie That as we se sa suddanelie will wend Bot verteous Honour never mair sall end.

TSchald (faid scho) and se this warldis glozie Baist Inconstant, maist slid and transitozie Prosperitie in cird is bot a dreme Prike as man war steppand out and scoir, Now is he law, that was sa hie befoir, and he quhylum was borne pure of his deme Now his chait schynis like the Sone beme Baith vy and down, baith to and fra we se This warld walteris as dois the wallie sep.

To Papis, Bischoppis, Prelatis & Primattis Empreouris, Kingis, Princes, Potestatis, Deith settis the terme, and end of all thair hight Fra thay be gane, let se quha on thame waitis. Wathing remanis, bot same of thair Esiatis, and north ellis bot verteous warkis right, Sall with thame wend nouther thair Pompe nor micht by vertew ringis in lestand honour cleir, Remember than that vertew hes na peir.

Ifor vertew is a thing sa precious Duhairof the end is sa delicious, The warld can not consider quhat it is, It makes folk persite and glorious, K. j.

It makis Sanctis of pepill vitious. It causis folk ay live in lestand blis. It is the way to hie Honour I wis, It dantis drith, and everie vice throw micht Without vertew, by on all cirdlic wicht.

(Clertem is eik the perfite ficker way, And norht ellis till lestand honour ay, For mony hes sene vitious pepill uphicit, And ester sone thair gloze vanische away Duhairos erampillis we se this enerie day. Dis cirdlie pompe is gone quhen that he deit Than is he with na cirdlie freind suppleit Saisand vertem, weillis him hes sie a feir. Now wil I scham (quod scho) quhat folk bene heir.

The firangest Sampsoun is into zone hald, The forcie puisant Herrules sa bald, The feirs Achill, and all the Mobillis nync, Scipio Affricane, Pompeius the ald. Other mony guhais Mamis befoir ar tald With thousandis wa than I may heir defync. And lustic Ladyis amid thay Lozdis sync, Semiramis, Chamar, Hippolita, Penthesses, Accodia.

De thy Regioun zonder bene honourit part, The Kingis Gregour, Kineth, and King Robart With other ma that beis not heir reheirlit, Waryit (quod scho) ay be thy megir hart. Thow suld have sene had thow biddin in zone art Duhat wise zone heuinlie companie convertit

Ma

Wa worth thy febill brane ia sone was persit Thow micht have sene remanand quhair thow was ane hudge pepill puneist for thair trespas.

Duhilks be wilfull manifest Arrogance Innyous pride pretendit Ignorance, foull dowbilnes and distait vnamendit Enforcis thame thair felsis to anance Se se falsheid, but lawtie or constance With subtelnes and slightis now commendit Betraisand folk that never to thame offendit, and vyheis thame self throw fraudeful lipps Thocht God caus oft thair eirdlie gloir eclipps.

And Mobillis cumin of honozabill Ancestry, Thair verteous Mobilitie settis nocht by For dishonest unlefull warlolie wayis, And throw corruptit couctous Juny Bot he that can be dowbill, name is set by. Dislait is Misome, Lawtie, honour away is. Richt sew or name takis tent thairto thir dayis, and thair greit wrangis to resorme but let In Judgement zone God was zonder set.

(Remanand zonder thow micht haue hard beline Pronouncit the greit sentence diffinitiue, Tuitchand this Actioun, and the dreidfull pane Execute on trespassouris zit on live: Swa that thair malice sall na mair preservice. Hadame (qu od J) for Goddis saik turne agane, My spreit despris to se thair torment sane. (Duod scho) richt now thair sall thow be resoisit K. ij.

Duhen thow hes tane the Air and better appoint.

That first thow sall consider commoditeis Of our garding, so full of lustic treis, all hie Cypres of slewer maist fragrant Dur Ladyis zonder bissie as the beis, The sweit sureist slouris of Rethoreis, Gadderis full fast mony grene tender plant, and with all plesance pleneist is zone hant. Duhair precious sanis on treis dois abound In steid of frute chargeit with peirlis round.

(Into that gudelie garth thus we proceed, Duhilk with a large Fowlie far on brid Inneronit was, guhair Filches war anew, all water Foullis war fwemand thair gude freid als out of growand treis thair faw I breid Foullis that hingand be thair nebbis grew Dut ouir the flank, of mony diners hew Was laid ane tre, onir quhilk behouit vs pas, Bot I can not declair quhairof it was.

IMP Mimphe went onir, chargead me follow fast hir till obey my specifis wor agast, Sa perrellous was the passage till espy Away scho went, and fra time scho was pass Apon the Bzig I enterit at the last Bot sa my harnis trimblit bestly, Duhill I sell onir, and baith my seit slaid by Dut onir the heid, into the stank adoun Duhair as me thocht I was in point to droun.

Quhat

I Duhat throw the birdis sang and this affray Dut of my swoun I walknit quhair I lay In the Garding quhair I first down fell About I blent, sor richt cleir was the day Bot all this lustic plesance was away. On thought that fair herbrie maist like to hell In till compair of this ze hard me tell, Allace, allace, I thought me than in pane and langit sair sor to have swenit agane.

The birdis lang not zit the meric flouris Wicht not ameis my greuous greit dolouris, All cirdlic thing me thocht barrane and vile. Thus I remanit into the Garth twa houris Curland the feildis, with all the fair coluris. That I awolk oft wariand the quhile Alwayis my minde was on the lustic Ile, I purpoisit ener till have dwelt in that art Of Rethozik cullouris till have found sum part.

[And maist of all my enrage was aggrenit, Beraus sa sone I of my dreme eschenit, Mot seand how thay weetchis war tozment That Ponour mankit and honeste mischenit. Glaidlie I wald amid this weit have brenit. Had I it sene, how thay war slane or schent, Bot fra I saw all this weitsair was went Till mak ane end, sittand under a tre In saude of Honour I weait thir versis thre.

¶D hie Honour, sweit heuinlie flour begest Gem verteous, maist pzerious, gudlieft, K. iiij. For hie Honour thow art guerdoun conding. De worschip kend, the glorious end and rest: But quhome in rieht, na worthic wieht may lest Thy greit puissance may maist anance all thing and pouerall to mekill availl sone bring. I the require, sen thow but peix art best That efter this in thy hie blis we ring.

IDe grace, thy face, in eneric place, ia schynis That sweit, all syseit, baith heid & feit Inelynis Thy gloir, afoir, for till Imploir, remeid. He docht, richt nocht, quhilk out of thocht, the tynis Thy name, but blame, & royal fame divine is Thow port, at schoot, of our comfort, and reid, Till bring all thing, till glaiding efter deid. All wicht but sicht, of thy greit micht, ay crynis D Schene, I mene, name may sustene, thy feid.

spail rois, maist chois, til clois thy fois, greit micht spaill stone, quhilk schone, vpon the thione of licht steeten, quhais trem, sweit dem, ouirthiem, al vice school, and send, gar say, the way of licht. Amend, offend, and send, our end, ay richt, Thom stant, ordant, as sanct, of grant, maist wise still be, supplie, and the, hie gre, of price, Delite, the tite, me quite, of site, to dicht, for Japply, schootlie, to thy denise.

The Author directis his buik

to the richt Nobill and Illuster Prince Iames
the Feird King of Scottis.

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TRIVMPHOVS land with palme of victozie The Lawrer Crowne of Infinite glozie Waist gracious Prince, our soueranc James the Feird Thy Paicslie mot have Eternallie Supreme Ponour, Renoun of Chenalrie. Felicitic perdurand in this eird, With Eterne blis, in henin by fatall weird Resauc this Roussie rurall Rebaldzie Laikand Cunning, fra thy pure leige unleird.

(Auhilk in the licht of thy Magnissence Considered in sa greit beneuolence Proponis thus my vulgair Ignorance Waish humbillie with dew obedience, Beseikand oft thy michtie Excellence Be grace to pardoun all sie variance With sum bening respect of sirme constance Remittand my pretendit negligence Thow quhais micht may humbill thing auxee.

Dreif, buriall quair, of Eloquence all quite, Wift rustet weid, and fentence Impersite Till cum in plane, se that thow not pretend the, Thy barrant termis, and thy vile Indite Sall not be mine, I will not have the wite, for as for me I quit clame that I kend the Thom art bot flouth, thist louis light but lite Not worth ane mite, pray Ilk man til amend the Fair on with site, and on this wise I end the.

FINIS.

